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Attempted murder case dismissed, witnesses disappear

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

August 1 to dismiss the case of Brian Dale Lowe without prejudice.

According to Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Wayne Taylor, Lowe was charged with attempted murder and two counts of wanton endangerment as the result of an incident that occurred in 2000, when he allegedly fired a gun at a vehicle containing his wife, Kimberly Lowe, his six-year-old daughter, Jessica Lowe, and David Cottingham, Kimberly Lowe's boyfriend.

The bullet allegedly missed the head of Lowe's daughter by only a few inches and lodged in the right shoulder of Cottingham, who was driving the vehicle. Taylor stated that surprisingly neither Cottingham, nor Kimberly Lowe wanted to

prosecute and even signed an affidavit stating their decision shortly after the incident. The Commonwealth informed them that this was not an option since the safety of a six-year-old child was at issue.

Taylor stated that, since the Commonwealth was dealing with hostile witnesses, they had offered Lowe a five year recommendation for a plea, but he declined the offer. The case was set for trial August 15, 2001, but

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briefs

Deadline nears for November election filings

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

Filings for the November non-partisan races continue to move very slowly as only a few new candidates have announced their bids for election in the past week.

The race for Martin City Council picked up two new candidates in Deborah L. Bentley and Samuel Howell.

Other candidates for the Martin City Council are Eulene Ratliff, Mahendra Varia, Joe E. Howard, Mike Robinson, and Charles E. Justice.

Prestonsburg lawyer Earl Martin "Mickey" McGuire officially filed for a position on the Floyd County Board of Education District 1 joining Dr. Chandra Varia in District 2 as the only candidates to seek election for the positions.

The office of Soil Conservation District also received new candidates with the filings of Joshua

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- DRUG TEST, REHAB PART OF PROBATION -



photo by Lena Basha

Teresa Hagans of Langley pleaded guilty to drug-trafficking charges Friday. She was sentenced with 12 months of incarceration, with a 24-month probation.

COURT PROBATES DRUG OFFENDERS

by LENA BASHA STAFF WRITER

During Friday's Floyd County Circuit Court session, drug and alcohol defendants said no to the exact thing that caused them trouble in the first place.

A Floyd County man, Joseph Spears, who is currently serving an 18-months alcohol-related sentence, asked to be released from jail in exchange for an extended probation period.

Spears also said that he would

find and enter a drug rehabilitation program.

Floyd County Circuit Court Judge Danny Caudill agreed to his motion for probation, saying that he was going to take a chance with Spears.

Spears was charged with two class D felonies - a fourth-offense DUI and a second-offense driving DUI suspended.

According to Caudill, passing this motion for probation was not a decision he made often with drug offenders, but that it is being used a lot now in the courts.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, it was unusual that this motion was granted.

"The amount of time Spears had already served was significantly longer than what he had left," Taylor said. "Also, the parole board had already denied him. The drug rehabilitation program should be in his best interest and the Commonwealth's best interest."

Shortly after Spears stepped

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CASA seeks volunteers to advocate for children

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

With an \$80,000 grant from the national office, the Big Sandy Area CASA, an acronym for Court Appointed Special

Advocates, began full-time operations in Floyd County at the end of June. CASA is now looking for volunteers to "help jump-start" their program. CASA's mission is to advocate for the best interests of the children who are under the protection of the juvenile court, seeking to assure safe, permanent families for them as quickly as possible.

In so doing, they are looking for volunteers who will provide "a powerful voice in a child's life."

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photo by Loretta Blackburn Judge Julie Paxton, seated, and Big Sandy Area CASA Executive Director Paul Michael Adams, Pikeville, standing, are excited about starting the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program in Floyd County.



photo by Lena Basha

Alleged sex offender Leonard Martin was released from jail Friday. At Martin's court hearing, Floyd County Circuit Court Judge Danny Caudill set his pre-trial court conference and released him on a \$50,000 bond. Meanwhile, Martin, who was charged with three counts of sexual abuse, cannot leave the Commonwealth of Kentucky or come into contact with the alleged victim. His next scheduled court appearance will be at his Dec. 4 pre-trial conference.

School council addresses budget woes, class offerings

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg High School Site-Based Council was feeling the effects of the reduced state budget Thursday evening as a majority of the new business was focused on filling staff positions and man-

aging their instructional budget that has taken a \$10,000 cut since last year.

Earlier this year, the board reduced the PHS staff by seven and a half certified, as well as the same amount of classified, positions in order to accommo-

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Odds and Ends

■ SAN ANDREAS, Calif.

— Authorities said they followed a trail of meat juice to a woman suspected of stealing steak from a neighbor's barbecue.

Calaveras County authorities arrested Lindsey Blackledge for allegedly stealing the steak off the outdoor grill when her neighbor wasn't looking.

The call to Calaveras County Sheriff's Department came at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday from a woman who said she only turned away from the grill briefly to find her meal gone.

Authorities didn't have to bring in the blood hounds to solve the case of the missing meat.

"It had been stolen and a trail of meat juice was followed up to the next door apartment," said sheriff's deputy Blain Smith.

The deputies found the partially cooked meat on a bathroom counter in the apartment occupied by Blackledge.

Blackledge was arrested on suspicion of receiving stolen property and having an outstanding warrant for allegedly stealing stolen property in an

unrelated case.

She was being held in Calaveras County jail on \$25,000.

The steak never made it back to the grill.

"I doubt if it was returned and I don't think they booked it in evidence," Smith said.

■ JONESBORO, Ark.

— City officials said they would reimburse a man whose credit card was used to charge \$90 worth of gas for two Jonesboro police officers.

Assistant Chief Rusty Grigsby said a card owned by Bill Ebbert Jr. was mysteriously placed among a collection of city-owned cards, then used by the two policemen in May and June.

Purchasing agent Steve Kent, who maintains the file of cards, said he doesn't know how Ebbert's card got there.

Ebbert, a frequent visitor to Jonesboro City Hall, said he may have accidentally dropped the card sometime last year.

Kent said someone may have placed the card on his desk, and from there it could have made it into the file.

Ebbert's name had been partially worn off the fuel card, and no one at the city noticed whose card it was until June.

Ebbert, a frequent critic of city policies, joked that he was the victim of a conspiracy. It fell to Grigsby to explain to Ebbert what happened.

"Rusty called me and I thought he was going to tell me they caught the guy with my credit card," Ebbert said Wednesday. "And he said, 'We were the ones who used your card' — on police business!"

■ MILFORD, Iowa

— If one person's junk is another person's treasure, then there is a lot of treasure to be found at the bottom of the Iowa Great Lakes.

A deck chair, shoes, beach towels, jewelry, watches and even a cell phone were brought to the surface last month by divers scouring the lakes' floors.

Scott Fintel, owner of Okoboji Scuba, conducts an annual Ecology Drive to clean up the bottoms of the lakes, in northwest Iowa.

He's found some pretty surprising things.

"We found a full toilet at the bottom of West Lake one year," Fintel said.

Two years ago divers hauled up a tractor cab from the lake's bottom. One year a diver found a Model T ice truck. The truck was on the lake removing ice when it fell through 50 years ago.

Heavier items are floated to the surface using lift bags, which are tied to the objects and then inflated, Fintel said.

This year's event attracted about 50 scuba divers.

■ TAMPA, Fla.

Congressional candidate Chuck Kalogianis says he wants affordable prescription drugs and social security to be the main focus of his campaign.

His past as a stripper in Massachusetts may get in the way.

Kalogianis, 39, acknowledges his two-year stint with "Men in Motion" more than a decade ago when he was a law student in Boston.

In his act, Kalogianis wore a bird costume that masked his face but exposed his legs. It

ended with him doing a chicken dance and tearing off the bright yellow costume to show his French bikini thong to crowds of women throwing money.

Today Kalogianis is a successful attorney in New Port Richey, a family man and an unopposed candidate for a Democratic nomination to the U.S. House of Representatives.

He hopes to unseat Republican incumbent Mike Bilirakis in Florida's 9th congressional district, representing parts of three counties north of

the Tampa Bay area.

The dancer label keeps popping up.

Kalogianis said he's tired of the attention it gets. When he qualified to run, a one-sentence blurb in a local paper about his campaign mentioned his "former job as a male stripper."

He said his performances were tasteful.

"I'll talk about it all day long, as long as the campaign doesn't get sidetracked from important issues," he said this week.

Louisiana governor advises women scared of serial killer to get a gun

By MELINDA DESLATTE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. — Louisiana Gov. Mike Foster reminded women Thursday that they can carry weapons to protect themselves from a serial killer who has murdered three women over 10 months.

"You have the right to get a gun permit. Learn to use it. I mean, if it really gets to the point where any more of this happens, get mace, carry a baseball bat, lock your door, don't let anybody in you don't know," the governor said on his weekly radio show.

Foster said he called state police to ensure they've offered

as much help as they could with the investigation to find the man who slashed Pam Kinamore's throat, strangled Gina Wilson Green and stabbed Charlotte Murray Pace.

Kinamore's mother, Lynne Marino, called the "Live Mike" radio show to ask the governor to intervene.

"I'm asking you to call in all the agencies throughout the state to assist us in this search for evidence and for the serial killer," she pleaded. "Not many towns know how to deal with a serial killer."

The families of the victims have refused to rely solely on the police, sharing information

among themselves to see if there's some small connection between the victims, something that could become a clue to finding the killer.

Kinamore's family is offering a \$75,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of the murderer. The money comes from donations made by local residents. Advertisements for the reward were erected on two billboards on Wednesday.

Foster touted self-protection until the killer was found.

"Most people don't ever want to use a gun to protect themselves — that's the last thing they want to do — but if you know how and you have a situation with some fruitcake running around, like they've got right now, it sure can save you a lot of grief," he said.

Pace, 22, a recent graduate of LSU, lived three doors down from Green when the 41-year-old nurse was found strangled in her home on Sept. 24. Pace was stabbed to death on May 31, two days after she moved to a townhouse in another neighborhood that she had rented for the summer. It doesn't appear that the two women knew each other.

Kinamore, 44, a decorator and antique store owner, was abducted from her home on July 12. The killer slit her throat and dumped her body at an exit off Interstate 10 about 30 miles away from Baton Rouge.

Police won't comment on the details of the investigation. Nearly three dozen murders of Baton Rouge women over the last decade remain unsolved, and police have said they are scouring the evidence to see if any of them are connected to Kinamore, Pace and Green. The FBI is working with local authorities.

Senate approves FY03 defense spending bill

Bunning helps secure \$98 million for Kentucky's bases and contractors

U.S. Senator Jim Bunning recently announced that he helped to secure funding in the amount of \$98 million for Kentucky in the Fiscal Year 2003 Defense Appropriations Bill that was approved by the Senate recently. The bill passed by a vote of 95-3.

The bill provides a total of \$355.4 billion in funds for the Department of Defense for FY 2003—\$34.3 billion more than was appropriated last year.

"There is no more important task before us right now than winning the war against terror,

and defending our homeland," said Bunning. "Funding in this bill is vital to providing the president and our armed forces with the tools necessary to continue to prosecute this war successfully, and improve our military for the new threats we'll face in the 21st century. The money included in this bill for Kentucky is great news for our military bases and defense contractors in the Commonwealth."

House and Senate leaders will now meet in conference to try and reach final agreement on the bill, before sending it to President Bush for his signature.

Mining study not expected until February

By JOHN RABY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A draft study of mountaintop removal coal mining's environmental effects won't be released until early next year, more than two years later than expected.

In prepared remarks Friday to the West Virginia Coal Association at The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, U.S. Interior Secretary Gale Norton said a draft should be available for public comment by February.

The final study was supposed to be finished by December 2000 under a legal agreement.

Coal companies that operate in mountainous Appalachian coalfields have been turning to mountaintop removal mining as an inexpensive way to mine coal reserves.

Although federal mining laws require companies to reclaim land to its original contour, companies have received permits to dump tons of excess rock and dirt into hollows, creating valley fills.

A federal judge in June refused to lift an injunction barring the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from issuing new federal permits to allow streams to be buried under such operations.

In 2000, the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy filed a federal lawsuit over water runoff control rules and other weaknesses in West Virginia's mining regulations. In response, Norton promised that OSM would take action.

"The regulatory programs here in West Virginia need to be more consistent and more exacting in its requirements," Norton said in an interview Thursday.

Norton toured southern West Virginia on Thursday in her first official visit to coal country. The trip coincided with the observance of the 25th anniversary of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

Accompanied by West Virginia native Jeff Jarrett, who is director of the federal Office of Surface Mining, Norton talked to residents about mountaintop removal mining, flood-

ing, reclamation and other issues.

Norton said her department plans to look at the issue of mining's contribution to flooding in southern West Virginia. Environmental groups blame mountaintop removal mining for intensified flooding in recent years.

In her prepared remarks to the Coal Association, Norton discussed "common sense" changes that can enhance environmental protection.

"It appears that the size of valleyd 'not just by comparing pre-mining and post-reclamation conditions, but by evaluating active mining conditions as

well."

She also said more trees need to be planted to help reduce floods and protect wildlife. OSM is looking to ensure its policies don't discourage the planting of trees, especially in reclamation projects, she said.

Seven environmental groups refused to meet with Norton on Thursday, saying her invitation for a half-hour visit was an insult. Norton said the offer was extended to two hours, but it, too, was rejected.

Environmentalists lobbied intensely against Norton's nomination earlier this year, citing her staunch support of property rights and ties to industry.

Death row inmate freed after acquittal in retrial

WILLIAMSBURG — "Our client was an innocent person and the jury verdict was the correct one," said Tim Arnold, an attorney with the state Department of Public Advocacy.

Commonwealth's Attorney Allen Trimble said he believes a murderer was set free.

"I really believe this person committed these crimes," Trimble said. "Our case was not strong, and while I'm terribly disappointed that we didn't get a conviction, I am not surprised that a jury couldn't find enough evidence there."

Osborne was the youngest person on Kentucky's death row. He is the first person in Kentucky on death row to be found innocent since the state reinstated the death penalty in 1976.

Relatives of the slain couple remain convinced that Osborne is the killer. Family members were upset.

"Two good people are dead and the community is at risk of a double-murderer that's already beat the system once," said Susan Davenport, the couple's daughter-in-law.

The crime occurred late on a night in December 1997 when someone smashed a window and broke into the home of Sam and Lillian Davenport in southern Whitley County. The couple — she was 76; he was 82 and a World War II veteran — were bludgeoned in the head but died of smoke inhalation after the assailant set fire to the house.

Police quickly focused on Osborne, then 17, as a suspect, in part because his mother called 911 that night to report her son had heard glass breaking at the Davenport home as he rode by on a small motorcycle. Police considered the call suspicious — an effort to provide an alibi.

Joe Reid, 15, a friend who said he was with Osborne that night, told police he saw Osborne break into the couple's house and later came out with a "pocketful" of cash.

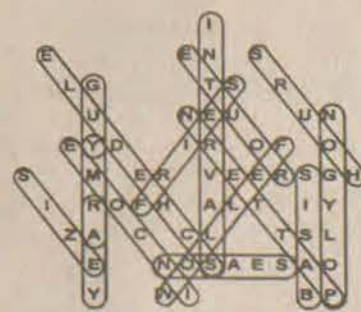
Reid gave sworn testimony to a grand jury, which indicted Osborne on charges of murder, robbery, burglary and arson. Osborne's mother also was charged as a conspirator to the crimes. She has not been tried,

and Trimble said Friday he probably will move to have the charge dismissed.

Reid drowned several months before Osborne's trial.

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CASA

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This alleviates pressure from the court appointed attorney ad litem, who, Judge Paxton says, is paid a mere \$250 regardless of how long it takes to resolve the case. The CASA program is the result of an idea that came from a Seattle Washington judge, who thought of using trained community volunteers to speak for children in order to provide more information to the court. With the passage of the Victims of Child Abuse Act in 1990, the U.S. Congress encouraged the expansion of CASA. Today there are more than 950 CASA programs with 52,000 men and women serving as volunteers.

Judge Paxton said, "CASA is getting ready to go in Floyd County."

Executive Director of the Big Sandy Area CASA, Inc., Paul Michael Adams, says that he was chosen to train these volunteers because of his involvement with the Kentucky Baptist Home for Children in Pike County. His work with Intensive Home Supervision

gave him the opportunity to see what was in the home, therefore he could train volunteers on what to look for as signs of neglect. Adams referred to the volunteer/advocates as "more eyes for the court". Adams says

that he hopes to help CASA expand to include other counties in the area.

For more information, Adams can be contacted at 606-886-0978 or BSACASA@MIKROTEC.com.



Glen Blackburn, Floyd County Sheriff's Department, just finished giving a stranded citizen a boost. photo by Loretta Blackburn

Dismissed

was continued until February 11, 2002, due to the fact that the Commonwealth had lost touch with the witnesses and could not locate them. Taylor said that his office had "done everything humanly possible and had exhausted all means and resources to find the individuals". They had enlisted the help of the Kentucky State Police Intelligence Section and had successfully traced Lowe and Cottingham to Alabama. Having narrowed their location down to two counties, the intelligence section found the address of the couple, via a tax return filed by Cottingham. However, when the police arrived at the residence, the couple had mysteriously disappeared one month before without leaving a forwarding address. Taylor stated that they even went as far as to have a circuit judge in one of the counties in Alabama order the couple to appear in court in regards to the case. The two witnesses failed to show.

Because of a defendant's right to a speedy trial, Taylor

said that the Commonwealth was concerned about the case being dismissed, therefore, they filed a motion to dismiss the case without prejudice to ensure the ability to bring it up again. Taylor said that the Commonwealth would not stop in their attempts to locate Lowe and Cottingham and if they did, they would then bring the case to court.

"We are concerned with the safety and welfare of a young child, who is the true victim in this case," said Taylor.

He said that this was "truly an incredible case" and he had "never seen anything like it." Taylor said he had never seen anyone purposefully evade testifying to such an extent.

CORRECTION

The Vonda Blackburn listed in Small Claim filings on Friday is not the Vonda Blackburn of Cow Creek.



The Prestonsburg High School Site-Based Council met in the media center on Thursday, August 1, where they discussed filling positions and weighting classes. photo by Loretta Blackburn

School

date the reduced state budget. The county returned two positions, one of each, back to the school, but the shortage was still significant enough for the budget committee to feel compelled to use part of its instructional budget to hire two part-time employees, one classified and one certified. The committee based the employee expense on the average salary for each position, which Carolyn Ford said the board of education would make money for. She stated that the certified employee salary was based on an average of all employees, but the person, who was likely to be hired, would enter the system without experience and would be paid much less.

"There is no doubt that everything is woefully underfunded," said Blake Burchett, council member, in reference to the budget.

The instructional budget was not accepted due to the fact that after allocations were deducted, the remaining balance, \$27,468.26, had to be divided among 36 certified staff. The argument was that \$750 per staff member was not enough for some to manage. Council members argued that the media center, for example, could not operate a library on \$750 a year. The budget was sent back to the committee and tabled until the next meeting.

"I didn't know the state budget affected us so much," said Sharon Sammons, dance instructor.

Already on the agenda was the task of filling custodial positions. Ron Hampton, principal, said he planned to re-hire the two that had been laid off.

Hampton added three items, focusing on staff positions, to the agenda under new business. The council added two teacher aide positions to work with John

Derossett, physical education instructor, which were filled by two employees who had previously been laid off. After a lengthy discussion, the next added item, filling the certified position that was returned to the school, the council decided that the school would be better served in the area of English/art. The council went into closed session to discuss three candidates for a science/physical education position.

Under old business, the council addressed the issue of weighted classes and after much discussion, John Derossett made a motion to offer the classes under the conditions that the classes would be made available to everyone, that full funding would be offered to those students who were receiving free

lunch, that partial funding would be offered to students who are receiving reduced lunch, and that the weighted classes would cease if funding could not be made available to a qualifying student.

Filing

Clinis Hall and Lloyd Wells joining Floyd B. Allen in the race.

The last day for candidates to enter the fall races is August 13.

Drug

down, Langley native Teresa Hagans pleaded guilty to drug charges that were filed against her.

Hagans, who has a history of arrests, pleaded guilty to third degree trafficking of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor.

She received the maximum sentence of 12 months in a county jail, with a 24-month probation period.

Hagans is required to take a drug test in 30 days and if drugs are found, she will serve the whole 12-month confinement period.

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Guestview Editorial Roundup

The Independent, Ashland

When the Big Sandy federal prison opens next year, it will create some 400 well-paying jobs and be a major economic shot in the arm, not only for Martin County but the entire region. No longer will the economy of this region be so dependent on coal.

While it was the political clout of U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers and the availability of free land that brought the prison to northeastern Kentucky, the project has been anything but a positive advertisement for building on land leveled by strip mining. Just the opposite, in fact.

Before the first brick was laid on the new prison, the federal government spent \$40 million to stabilize the land where it was being built.

That expense made Pocahontas Land Co.'s gift of the 316-acre prison site not seem like such a bargain. Construction workers dug a 16-acre hole 60 feet deep to help prepare the ground. After moving 1 million cubic yards of dirt and rock, they dug hundreds of 180-foot-deep holes and removed another 2.5 million cubic yards of dirt to stabilize the area.

Despite all that effort and expense, the ground beneath the prison is still settling, causing a guard tower to tilt and portions of another building to sink slightly. Officials say they don't know why the problems are occurring or how much it will cost to fix them.

They also don't know if the latest problems will delay opening of the prison, now scheduled for January.

The price tag of the new prison already has hit \$170 million, and officials say it could end up being the most expensive federal prison ever built. That's certainly not what was envisioned when the site was first chosen.

In fact, some hoped the prison would encourage other developments on reclaimed surface mines, creating more economic development in the region. Instead, the headaches and costs involved in the prison's construction has discouraged others from considering building on reclaimed land.

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— beyond the beltway —

Sports: Metaphor for society's greed

by DONALD KAUL

I generally write about politics (which is a pretty easy gig if you want to know the truth, because you don't really have to know anything so long as you have an opinion). Every once in a while, though, I feel moved to write about something of real social significance, something people care about.

Unfortunately I can't stand pro football so I have to make do with ...

Baseball (which is something people used to care about) — It looks increasingly as though there is going to be a strike by Major League Baseball players, probably before the end of the season, making it problematic that we'll have a World Series.

There was a time when news like that would have brought a collective national sob, but now it's more of a yawn. The once majestic national pastime has been brought to its knees by a combination of greed and stupidity that rivals that of ancient Babylon.

I blame the fans. We sat there passively while the yokels in charge completely screwed up the game.

When they began putting artificial turf in outdoor stadiums we should have stood up and yelled. When the American League dreamed up the designated hit-

ter, we should have stormed the barricades and demanded a return to sanity. When they started allowing National and American League teams to play each other during the season, thus cheapening the World Series and rendering the All-Star game an absurdity, we should have kidnapped baseball owners and held them hostage.

Having done none of that, we reap what we sowed. The egomaniacs who run and play baseball think they own the game and can play with it exclusively for their own amusement.

It is important to note that none of the things I talked about will be addressed by the coming strike. The owners are interested only in making sure that even the most inept among them will be able to turn a profit as they run their teams into the ground and the players are interested mainly in ensuring that they will continue to be overpaid without regard to performance.

I don't know about you, but I do not have a dog in that fight. Either way, you still get the designated hitter. Let the strike begin.

Or not. Couldn't care less. Golf (which, strangely enough, some people care about) — Tiger Woods suffered a seemingly inexplicable meltdown at the British Open earlier this month. I can explict it.

The tournament was played at a private club in Scotland that does not admit women as members. Some feminist-

minded commentators complained about the policy and suggested that if prominent golfers like Woods boycotted the event, they could be instruments of change. Woods said something to the effect that it wasn't any concern of his; a private club has the right to make its own rules.

A few days later when he walked out onto the course, the skies opened, the wind began to howl and he played like a complete dog. The weather was bad; he was worse. He shot an 81, the highest he'd ever scored as a professional.

I can't prove this, but I'll bet that if you rummaged around Gloria Steinheim's closet, you'd find a Tiger Woods doll with pins sticking out of it.



Coincidence? I don't think so.

Religion (which, while not actually a sport, is more exciting than soccer) — Much of the country is being visited by a drought of Biblical proportions, one that parches the crops and sends forests up in flames. Have you noticed which states are

hardest hit? Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas.

And what do these states have in common? They all voted for George W. (for "What Global Warming?") Bush in the 2000 election.

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That one little thing called a T-O-N-G-U-E

My good friend, the late Doyle Burke from Newport, Ark., always had several funny stories to share with me each time I saw him, but some time back I saw him when he was almost speechless. It was at the Convention Center in Little Rock on the day he received a plaque to mark his retirement from the education profession. He was asked to say a few words before 600 of his peers. He simply stated, "it's better to remain silent and have people assume you are a fool than to speak and no longer have them assume it."

The ability to speak is a wonderful gift that God has given us and for those who can develop it to a high degree of proficiency, it can bring all sorts of rewards. If I were to ask you to state in one word the most powerful part of the human body as it relates to speaking and communication, what would be your answer? If you said the little six letter word, called a T-O-N-G-U-E, you would be right.

The reason I believe this is true is because I've seen the tongue lift the spirits and motivate a 260-pound man to action, and I've also seen the tongue

slash another person to shreds.

Yes, the tongue is a very powerful thing and learning to control it is a goal worthy for any person. The tongue is like a two-edged sword: one side is good and the other side is bad. It's how we choose to use it that makes the difference.

It's only when we learn to control our tongue and use it for good that we can rightfully expect good things to happen in our lives. In my own experience I have found many people have Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde personalities in respect to their tongues.

When they're in public or "on stage," so to speak, they use their tongues one way, but when they are "off stage" you would never know they were the same people.

The Bible says in Matthew 15:18, "But those things that proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart and they defile the man." So there you have it — it's really the heart of a man or woman that determines the kind of speech that comes out of his or her mouth. The tongue, on the other hand, is just a protrusile, freely moving organ that in human beings serves as an organ of taste and speech.

I believe if you will give this some serious thought, you will see that it is not the smart or intelligent people or even those who are gifted with unusual skills,

that learn to control their tongues wisely. It's the people whose hearts are right who exercise self-control and learn to speak only those things which serve to build lasting relationships.

If you have a problem controlling your tongue and you want to do something about it, a good place to start is to examine your heart. When you get your heart right with God and with others, it will be easier to control your tongue.

I always admire the soft spoken, gentle person who speaks the truth and is always positive when talking about others. There just seems to be an inner strength that says it's not necessary to tear others down to build themselves up.

Until next time, when it comes to our tongue and the words it produces, here is something to keep in mind: automobiles run and airplanes fly, but human beings literally talk themselves forward.

A mediocre idea well expressed is often more effective than a better idea poorly expressed. Words are the most powerful success tools available to human beings. As I said in the beginning, it's all a matter of how we use that thing we call a T-O-N-G-U-E.

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Faith Extra

Frontier church designated as basilica

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BARDSTOWN - Church bells tolled mournfully to signal the start of a memorial Mass, as they have for 183 years at a one-time frontier cathedral given special papal recognition for its rich history.

Two tourists wandered into the back of St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral during the ceremony. The couple looked uncomfortable, but a mourner reassured them quietly that they could look around the ornate sanctuary.

The red-brick church is a regular stop for tourists, along with a tavern down the street, area bourbon factories and a mansion reputed to have inspired Stephen Foster's, "My Old Kentucky Home, Good-Night!"

The cathedral - the first built west of the Allegheny Mountains - has been elevated to special status for Catholics.

The Vatican named St. Joseph a minor basilica, making it the 54th American church so designated and the third in Kentucky. The other two in Kentucky are the Cathedral in Covington and the Abbey Church at Gethsemani, 10 miles south of Bardstown.

The Rev. William Medley, the parish pastor at St. Joseph, said the designation is a testament to the generations of priests and parishioners who "kept the faith alive and thriving all these 180-plus years."

The honor, given to churches for their antiquity, historical importance or significance as

places of worship, was bestowed upon St. Joseph a year ago. The church has planned weeklong activities to celebrate the designation, highlighted by a special Mass on Aug. 10 led by Louisville Archbishop Thomas Kelly.

"This honor is a recognition of the historical significance of this church as the mother church of the first inland diocese in the United States," Kelly said in a statement. "Of no less importance is the spiritual vitality of the current parish community."

For many parishioners, the honor hasn't sunk in, Medley said.

"People are very pleased, but like anybody who lives in the midst of a historic center, we kind of take for granted what a rich history our church represents," Medley said.

Today, the Bardstown parish numbers nearly 5,000 people.

The congregation was tiny when the church's cornerstone was laid in July 1816. The nearly one million bricks that went into its construction were made on site. Poplar trees cut from nearby woods were turned into the massive interior pillars. In a show of solidarity, Protestants helped build and finance the cathedral.

The church was dedicated in August 1819, fulfilling the dream of Benedict Joseph Flaget, the bishop of the Diocese of Bardstown.

The Bardstown diocese was formed in 1808, along with dioceses in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. Before that, the

only U.S. diocese was in Baltimore, the center of a large Catholic community in Maryland.

From his base at St. Joseph, Flaget worked to spread Catholicism westward. The diocese's territory spanned from the Great Lakes to Tennessee and from the Allegheny Mountains to the Mississippi River. It covered all or parts of what's now 10 states and 44 dioceses and archdioceses, including Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Cincinnati.

The long list of pastors at St. Joseph included Martin John Spalding, who went on to become bishop of Louisville and later archbishop of Baltimore during the Civil War era, Medley said.

Statues of Flaget and Spalding on the front lawn stand almost as guardians of the cathedral, reminders of its longevity and history.

A few decades after the church was built, the front porch and six exterior columns were added. Since then, the church has

undergone little change on the outside.

The diocese was transferred to Louisville in 1841, but its one-time status as the "Cathedral in the Wilderness" still resonates with some parishioners.

"I've always loved the history," said Flaget Nally, part of the parish since 1962. "It's been a wonderful place to celebrate our Catholic faith."

Nally, 67, has a direct link to Bishop Flaget. She is named after the renowned prelate, and her great-great-grandmother was

his godchild.

Mabel Patterson, 81, has celebrated life and mourned death at the church. Her three children took their first communion at St. Joseph and were married at the church. The funerals for her two husbands were there.

"It hasn't been all happy memories, but it's a place of comfort," said Patterson, a parishioner for 50 years who serves as a tour guide, helps clean the church, sings in the

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Rev. Eugene H. Peterson paraphrases the Bible in everyday language

by TOM LACEKY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HELENA, Mont. - In the Rev. Eugene H. Peterson's retelling of the Bible, when Jesus raises a young girl from the dead, he first has to work his way through neighbors bringing casseroles to the grieving family's home.

The poetic "valley of the shadow of death" from Psalm 23 becomes simply "Death Valley." And when God prepares to flood the earth, he decides to spare Noah because "Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah."

Those folksy touches are part

of the appeal of Peterson's "The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language," published by NavPress of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The 2,265-page volume is a compilation of biblical paraphrases that Peterson has written for 20 years.

Released in July, NavPress sold 320,000 copies in advance and ordered an initial print run of 500,000, the largest it has ever had for a Bible, NavPress spokeswoman Kathleen Campbell said.

Peterson's New Testament, published in 1993, sold 2.5 million copies, and his other "Message products" - more than 20 in all - have sold 4.5 million.

In addition to good sales, Peterson's work has enjoyed gentle treatment from other biblical scholars.

Vern Poythress, a New Testament professor at Westminster Theological Seminary in Glenside, Pa., says he and fellow conservatives may quibble with many of Peterson's renderings but have leveled few attacks because "The Message" isn't a Bible and isn't presented as such.

He sees it as useful for evangelism among people who know nothing about the Bible, so long as they realize it's merely one writer's interpretation of the biblical message. He says Peterson's work "is at the far

end of the spectrum, not only in paraphrasing but cultural updating."

Peterson translated the Bible directly from the Greek and Hebrew and avoided earlier English translations. His purpose was to capture the earthy, vigorous tone of the originals.

"My intent was to provide something for people who had never read the Bible before, or didn't think they could read it," he said.

In "The Message," Paul the Apostle is that "jailbird preacher." In the Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want," becomes "God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing."

Nobody "begets" anybody in "The Message." They have babies.

"I've been reading the Bible since I was a little kid, but I found myself, when I first cracked it open - I was on an airplane - and I found myself laughing out loud or crying," recalled Brad Rauch, a friend of Peterson's and general manager of Christian radio station KALS in Kalispell.

Rauch is just one of many admirers. Peterson, who grew up in Kalispell and now lives nearby on the shore of western Montana's Flathead Lake, has fans all over.

Bono, lead singer for the Irish rock band U2, cited "this guy Eugene Peterson" in a

Rolling Stone interview last December.

"He's a poet and a scholar, and he's brought the text back to the tone in which the books were written," Bono said. "A lot of the Gospels were written in common kind of market speak. They were not at all highfalutin like the King James version of the Bible."

Peterson's mother was a Pentecostal preacher, and her son started out his career as a scholar of Greek and Hebrew at New York Theological Seminary and an associate pastor at a Presbyterian church in White Plains, N.Y.

In 1962 he went to Bel Air, Md., to organize a new Presbyterian church and stayed 29 years. He still regards himself primarily as a pastor.

"The Message" began because Peterson's adult Sunday school class didn't grasp how exciting Paul's Letter to the Galatians really is. He decided to translate it for them.

The resulting pamphlet found its way to an editor at NavPress, the publishing arm of The Navigators, a nondenominational, international evangelistic organization. Editor John Stein offered to publish a New Testament paraphrase by Peterson.

These days, Peterson rarely preaches anymore, and turns down most invitations."

Rift in Lutheran denomination widens over post-Sept. 11 prayer service

by JIM SUHR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS - Twelve days after terrorists destroyed the World Trade Center, the Rev. David Benke, a Lutheran minister, joined with clergy from other faiths in a New York City prayer service for the victims.

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's president, the Rev. Gerald Kieschnick, gave the church's top New York leader his blessings to take part in what he considered an innocent public event.

Kieschnick never envisioned the fallout from that day within one of the most theologically conservative Protestant denominations.

Benke was suspended in June, months after 21 of the synod's pastors and three of its congregations complained about his role in the gathering at Yankee Stadium.

And just last month, the Missouri Synod second vice president, who disciplined Benke for praying with "pagans," was pulled from his role as the main speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" radio program - the synod's prominent pulpit - for deciding the matter.

Now Kieschnick is struggling to bridge a gulf in the 2.6-million-member Missouri Synod. It's just the kind of situation he had hoped to avoid when he was elected a year ago. His goal has been to make the denomination more unified and tolerant.

"While some may see it as a rift, I see it as a pivotal moment in defining who we are and why we're here," said Kieschnick, who is standing by Benke.

"We're faced with opportunities and challenges galore to take the Gospel to the marketplace. That's where our struggle is - whether it should be in a congregational setting or public one."

Benke is appealing his suspension by the Rev. Wallace Schulz. Meanwhile, Schulz isn't discussing that decision or his own suspension as chief preacher on the gospel program carried by more than 1,000 radio stations.

While Lutheran Hour Ministries took no stand on

Benke's conduct, Schulz's decision unwillingly dragged the independent auxiliary of the Missouri Synod into the debate, spokesman Jim Telle said.

"It really has rocked our church," Telle said. "It's been an absolute landslide of acrimony."

The synod's 1847 constitution demands that its congregations and pastors reject syncretism, or the mingling of Christian and non-Christian beliefs. Traditionally, Missouri Synod leaders did not lead prayer services with leaders of other religions, or even other Lutheran denominations.

But at the church's convention a year ago, Kieschnick said, a resolution let synod leaders lead services with those of other faiths at civic events. With that in mind, Kieschnick signed off on letting Benke say a 10-sentence prayer during the debated "Prayer for America" event, where Benke shared the stage with other Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus and Sikhs.

To Benke, the event was more patriotic than religious, and that "not to make the primary human connections at a time of civic, national and global tragedy would be a great pastoral error."

But not everyone saw it that way. After various Missouri Synod pastors and congregations decried Benke's alleged syncretism, Kieschnick was recused from ruling on Benke's conduct. That duty eventually fell to Schulz.

The board of the International Lutheran Laymen's League - overseers of Lutheran Hour Ministries - in February urged that Schulz also refrain from adjudicating the Benke matter. The reason: a potential conflict of interest between Schulz's dual hats as a Missouri Synod second vice president and as the radio mouthpiece of Lutheran Hour Ministries.

"Whatever (Schulz) did in this highly charged, emotional, controversial case would become a national decision of incredible importance," with a possible backlash against Lutheran Hour Ministries, Telle said.

But Schulz wrote back, "saying he felt compelled to do

his calling" in his elected Missouri Synod post, Telle said.

On June 25, Schulz announced Benke's suspension, ruling that "to participate with pagans in an interfaith service and, additionally, to give the impression that there might be more than one God is an extremely serious offense."

Instantly, Telle said, "our worst fears were maximized."

"I use the word 'paralyzed' because we were hit by e-mails and phone calls," most voicing outrage over Schulz's decision, Telle said. "People generally were in a tirade."

Donors pledged to cut off their support, Telle said. Pastors said they would no longer encourage the faithful to support Lutheran Hour Ministries.

On July 12, Lutheran Hour Ministries chief Rodger Hebermehl pulled Schulz, with pay, from the gospel program where he has spent 25 years, for allegedly violating the league's ethics and conflict-of-interest policies. The executive committee of the laymen's league backed Hebermehl's move.

Reached recently at his suburban St. Louis home, Schulz declined comment.

Kieschnick, who has asked for a church review of Benke's suspension, said in a July 9 letter to church members that the Missouri Synod "is experiencing a period of emotional anxiety and doctrinal disharmony."

If he loses his appeals, Benke loses his offices and will be kicked off the clergy roster.

The board of the laymen's league has ruled Schulz could return to Lutheran Hour Ministries if he agreed to stipulations that would govern his future employment.

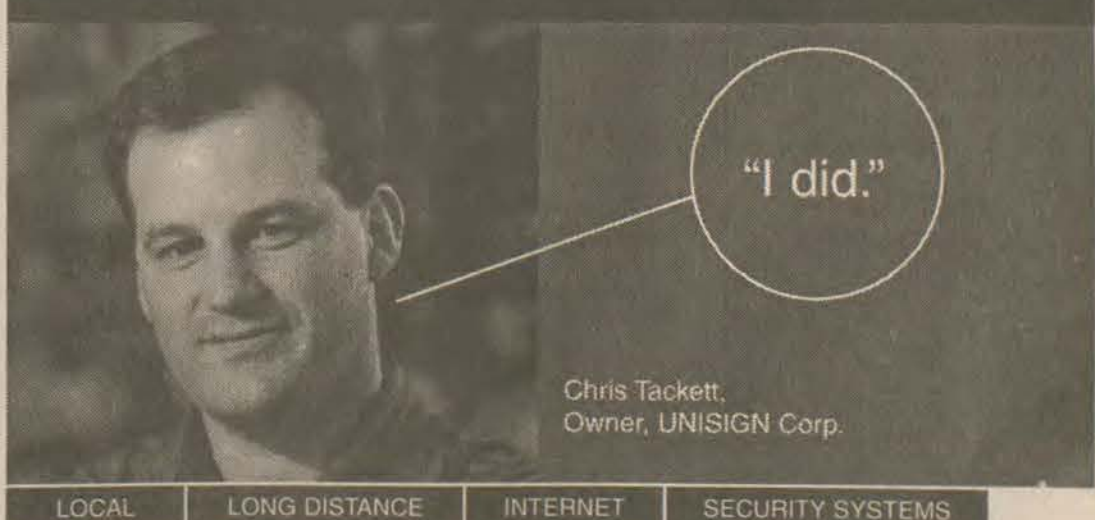
Kieschnick said he hopes Schulz "takes advantage of his opportunity to be reinstated."

Telle wants a speedy resolution, too, though "the reality is that this case continues to involve Dr. Schulz, and this is not over."

On the Net:

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, <http://www.lcms.org>
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Eugene Akers, 58, of Harold, died Sunday, July 28, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Artie T. Amburgey, 89, of Bypro, died Thursday, July 18, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Obituary

Lula Cornett

Lula Cornett, age 95, of Prestonsburg, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2002, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center, after an extended illness.

She was born July 28, 1907, at Blue River, the daughter of the late James and Luqueenie (Stone) Calhoun.

She was married to James F. Cornett, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, James H. Cornett and Dean Cornett, both of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Emma Lou Hall of Marshall, Michigan; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 3, at 1 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Larry Adams and Rev. Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the Cornett Family Cemetery at Spradlin Branch, Prestonsburg.

All arrangements were under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Barbara Caudill, 64, of Beaver, died Thursday, July 18, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Arthur Caudill. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Robert Carl Evans, 86, of McKnight Terrace, Middletown, Ohio, died Thursday, July 25, at the Middletown Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 31, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Howell Hale, 84, of Harold, died Sunday, July 28, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 31, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Raymond Hamilton, 82, of Grethel, died Saturday, July 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Herbert Hoover Hall, 69, of Teaberry, died Thursday, July 25, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Esther May Yates Hall Lawson, 79, of Harold, died Sunday, July 28, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lona Elliott Martin, 83, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of McDowell, died Friday, July 26, in the Cambridge House Nursing Home, Warsaw, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Joe Martin, 78, of Hueysville, died Thursday, July 24, at the Prestonsburg Health Care. Funeral

services were conducted Saturday, July 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Vaughan L. McCoy, 83, of Louisville, native of Wayland, died Wednesday, July 31, at Hillcreek Manor Nursing Home in Louisville. He is survived by his wife, the former Shirley Ruhl of Louisville. Funeral services were held Friday, August 2, under the direction of Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home.

Burnis Moore, 78, of Monticello, formerly of Melvin, died Sunday, July 28, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Alberta Thomas Moore. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sophie A. Samons, 82, of Martin, died Sunday, July 28, in the Prestonsburg Health Care Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Hope Steele, infant daughter of William Steele and Ginger Griffith, of Wayland, died Tuesday, July 30, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, July 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ruth Vivian Stanley Whitmer, 77, of Prestonsburg, died at her home on Tuesday, July 30. No services or visitation were held. Arrangements were handled by Hall Funeral Home.

Pike County

Ronnie Dale Bishop, 37, of Melvindale, Michigan, formerly of Phelps, died Wednesday, July 24, in Melvindale. He is survived by his wife, Arlene Galo Bishop. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 1, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Billie Jean Childers of Lexington, died Wednesday, July 31, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 3, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home.

Brenda Cline, 48, of Ashland, died Monday, July 29, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 2, under the direction of Lazear Funeral Home.

Midge Hopkins Garber, 62, of Kodiak, Alaska, native of Pikeville, died Monday, July 29, at St. Mary's Residential Hospice, Knoxville, Tennessee. She is survived by her husband, John Garber. Private services were held.

James G. Hobbs, 72, of Shelbyville, a native of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 23, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. He is survived by his wife, Dorcas M. Hobbs.

Tyler Bryan Kincer, infant son of Teddy Ray Kincer and Amanda Rachel Keen of Vale, North Carolina, died Saturday, July 27, at Catawaba Memorial Hospital, Hickory, North Carolina. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 31, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Lonnie Mounts, 96, of Harolds Branch, died Thursday, July 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Lillie Mounts. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 29, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Janet Louise Prater Brunson Ray, 56, of Greasy Creek, died Saturday, July 27, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 30, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Wilburn Roberts, 78, of Robinson Creek, died Sunday, July 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 31, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Grover Cleveland Corey Sr., 80, of Kingsport, Tennessee, died Tuesday, July 30, at the Brookhaven Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Ida Jo Mullins Corey. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 2, under the direction of East Lawn Funeral Home.

Timothy Allen Swiney, 43, of Ashcamp, died Wednesday, July 24, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Debra Sue Swiney. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Harold Sword, 86, of Pikeville, died Thursday, July 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He

is survived by his wife, Mildred Elswick Sword. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 28, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Douglas Dean Williamson, 64, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 23, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Joan Bard Williamson. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 27, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Martin County

Oma Francis Hammond Asher, 95, of Inez, died Friday, July 19, at Prestonsburg Health Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 22, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Ruby J. Booth, 73, of Brooksville, Florida, died Saturday, July 20, at Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point in Florida. She is survived by her husband, Charles E. Booth. Funeral services were held in Florida, under the direction of Brewer and Sons Funeral Home.

Aiden Bradley Gulley, infant, died Saturday, July 27, at the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital. Surviving parents are Bradley and Sheila Gulley, of Frankfort. Graveside services were conducted Monday, July 29, under the direction of Reece Funeral Home and Valley Chapel.

Emma Sturgell, 31, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Saturday, July 27, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Bennie Sturgell. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 29, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Knott County

Bonnie L. Adams, 80, of Liberty Township, died Friday, July 12, at Mercy Hospital of Fairfield. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 15, under the direction of Brown Dawson Funeral Home.

Eric Wayne Barger, 18, of Aavailla, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, July 16, at Dekalb Co., Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 20, under the direc-

tion of Hindman Funeral Services.

Lula Collins Breeding, 100, of Redfox, died Saturday, July 20, at the Hazard Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Charles Denzil Hall, 59, of Cottonwood, Arizona, native of Knott County, died at his home on February 15. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Kay Grimm Hall. Arrangements were under the direction of Hindman-Funeral Services.

Guy Madden, 72, of Amburgey, died Friday, July 26, at the VA center at Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 28, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

John Garner Sizemore, 64, of Hindman, died Friday, July 26, at the U.K. Medical Center at Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Johnson County

Everett Dairl Cantrell, 63, died Tuesday, July 23. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Watson Cantrell. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 27, at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Doris Jewell Delong, 65, died Friday, July 26, at Highland Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Wilbur Fitch, 70, died Tuesday, July 23, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 26, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

Ledgie Segraves, 78, died Tuesday, July 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Joesetta Rigby Segraves. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Aralie Lucille Whitaker, 80, died Friday, July 26, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Retrial

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Authorities ruled his drowning accidental. Trimble said Reid's family said they believed his death may have been tied to the Osborne case.

Osborne's attorneys objected to having Reid's testimony used at trial, arguing it was hearsay because the dead teen could not be cross-examined. Reid changed his story several times during police interviews, defense attorneys said.

Circuit Judge Paul Braden allowed prosecutors to present

much of Reid's statement, however. The jury convicted Osborne, and Braden followed its recommendation for a death sentence.

Not having access to Reid's testimony left Trimble "not a whole lot to work with," Susan Davenport said Thursday.

One piece of physical evidence was a pair of wire-cutters police found on a table outside Osborne's bedroom. Sam Davenport, the dead couple's son, said he recognized the tool as one he'd seen at his father's house.

Trial testimony raised questions about the identification of the tool, however, Arnold said.

Osborne had been jailed without bond since he was arrested more than four years ago. He now faces the task of readjusting, including finding a job and a place to live and getting used to freedom.

"He has a long road he has to travel to get back on his feet," said Arnold, who defended Osborne along with Gail Robinson and James Norris.

He said he didn't know what kind of work Osborne wants to do.

Attorneys were trying to help Osborne find a place to stay last night. One consideration is that there is a good deal of hostility against Osborne in Whitley County, Arnold said.

Osborne's case has been a rallying point for opponents of capital punishment because he was sentenced to death for a crime committed as a juvenile. Opponents have tried without success to get the state legislature to abolish the death penalty for juveniles.

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"We need donors to give now—don't wait until next week,

but come today, and through the weekend," said Marsha Berry, CKBC spokeswoman. "This shortage is reminiscent of the crisis in June, that postponed non-emergency surgeries. We don't want that to happen again."

The blood supply is 500 pints below the desired inventory level of 3,400 pints. A new FDA regulation stating that donors may not give blood if they have logged significant stays in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, is turning away donors at a rate of

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Beltway

Which brings us to the question: Does this prove there is a God? The answer being: No, but it points in that direction. That's enough of the substantive stuff. Back to the trivia. Next week: Can President Bush be trusted to solve the balance of payments problem if it involves long division?

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the Des Moines Register. He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way.

Basilica

choir and heads a prayer group. The church displays a number of oil paintings dating to the 17th century. They were gifts from European nobility solicited by Flaget, himself a native Frenchman. The most significant paintings is "The Martyrdom of Saint Bartholomew" by the artist Mattea Preti, who died in 1699. The painting was restored at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles and will be returned in time for the church celebration.

In 1952, thieves broke in and stole several of the paintings, cutting them out of their frames. The paintings were found unharmed a few years later and returned to the cathedral.

The church, which seats about 550 people, features large stained glass windows. Up front are brass candlesticks, gifts from a French king.

It was a parishioner, Dr. Harry Spalding, who first suggested that the church seek the basilica designation. Medley contacted Archbishop Kelly. That began months of research to send the paperwork to the Vatican.

St. Joseph was notified of the designation last August - in a Vatican decree written in Latin. Medley concedes the new name is a mouthful, but the church wanted to maintain its original name while adding the title of basilica.

Despite the special designation, the church's core mission remains unchanged, Medley said, which is "to proclaim the Gospel, work for justice in our society and to worship God."

The weeklong celebration comes at a good time, Medley said, allowing the parish to focus on something positive amid the sexual-abuse scandal rocking the Catholic Church.

The Archdiocese of Louisville has been the target of more than 150 lawsuits claiming it knew of abuse allegations against priests but covered it up. St. Joseph parish has not been the subject of any such allegations.

"I think it helps us to remember history in a broader view rather than just the last four or five months, which is painful and tragic," Medley said. "It helps us to know the church survives trial and tragedy and sometimes its own missteps and errors."

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Seven-footer returns to Eastern Ky.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – His senior year at Magoffin County was one of curiosity. He came to the program as a virtual unknown, only to lead his new team to a 57th District title.

Seven-foot Tim Summa walked into Coach Danny Adams' office in the summer of 2000 looking for a place to play basketball. And, the Magoffin County native found it. Quick.

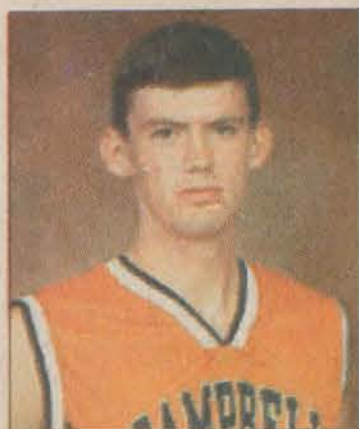
Following a career at Magoffin County in which he regularly posted double-doubles, Summa moved

to play college basketball at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C. After spending some time there, Summa is now returning to the hills of Eastern Kentucky. He's coming closer to his home of Magoffin County. He's coming to Pikeville College to play NAIA men's basketball for Coach

Randy McCoy.

Upon signing with Campbell U., Summa became the tallest player to sign with the Camels since 7-footer Tony Britto (an eventual NBA draft pick by the Chicago Bulls) played at CU from 1978-82.

(See EASTERN, page four)



courtesy photo

Former Magoffin County standout Tim Summa will play men's basketball at Pikeville College next season.

Commentary

'I've solved baseball's labor dispute'

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

For as long as I've been alive, few things have been consistent: Life in the country is a little sweeter than the city, we pay more for gas than we think we should, and there's been trouble between baseball's players and owners.

This baseball thing bothers me, because as much as I'd like to think it was Jennifer Aniston, the real first love of my life is Abner Doubleday's creation. When my family moved to

Kentucky in 1972, my first memory of it is that of a five-year-old boy walking through a garden that would become my uncle's front yard, glove on one hand, bat in the other.

So why is it so complicated on that most sacred of levels? Why can't they figure out how to divvy up millions of dollars?

It doesn't make much sense, but the answer is true, and simple enough. As I heard one of ESPN's talking heads say the other day – or maybe the guy worked for TBS – until Bud Selig and Donald Fehr stop looking at every issue as a win or a loss, nothing will be settled.

I've maintained all along that the first step toward settling this is to remove Selig and Fehr. Not only them, but also their cronies. Get rid of all of them. Get some fresh faces to the table.

And then on Wednesday I was reading a column on ESPN's Page

(See DISPUTE, page three)

Basketball

Camps take place this week

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Allen Central High School Lady Rebel Basketball Camp will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 6 and continue through Thursday, Aug. 8.

Another Registration will be held 8-9 a.m. on Tuesday. The camp will run each day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Female players in grades 1-9 are eligible for the camp.

There is a \$15 fee for all campers. However, financial assistance is available to those who may need it. All sessions will be held at the Allen Central High gym.

Head coach Cindy Halbert, her staff, current college players and current and former Lady Rebels will be on hand to offer instruction for the camp. Parents need to bring a copy of child or children's insurance or medical card, and fill out necessary forms when registering.

Halbert has been busy this summer, coaching and working with Kentucky Junior Elite teams. She just this week returned, along with some of her players, from a tournament in Las Vegas.

Campers will receive daily

(See CAMPS, page four)

FAMILY ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS



courtesy photo

Family Academy of Martial Arts students received citations from State Senator Johnny Ray Turner. Instructor Michael Gambill heads the group.

SENATOR HONORS STUDENTS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

AUXIER – Students with Family Academy of Martial Arts is competing and doing quite well on a regular basis. And, State Senator Johnny Ray Turner has noticed.

Senator Turner has issued a Citation honoring students with the academy for their accomplishments

during the year 2001. The following is a letter Turner wrote to Instructor Michael Gambill.

Dear Michael:

Please convey my congratulations and very best wishes to the Family Academy of Martial Arts Competition Team for winning over 200 trophies and over 50 medals in the year 2001! You and your members of the team

most certainly had to keep a training schedule which required rigid self-discipline and many long hours of practice. This is not easy.

I am enclosing a Citation honoring you and the team for this meritorious accomplishment. May the year 2002 bring continued success to your outstanding team.

(See STUDENTS, page four)

UK FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK:

Parker could have more balls thrown his way

Louisa native looks for more playing time in '02 season



by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – Gerad Parker remains a Lawrence County legend. His high school stats defend that. He came into the University of Kentucky and then-head coach

Hal Mumme's grid program as the all-time leading receiver in Kentucky high school history.

He had 238 receptions in his career, good for 4,814 yards and 52 touchdowns – all of which are state career records. The 4,814 receiving yards ranked second on the all-time

national list.

As a four-year starter at Lawrence County, he helped lead his team to the state playoffs all four years, including berths in the

(See PARKER, page four)

Raiders 2002 Schedule

AUGUST		
Aug. 24	at Harlan	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 30	Raceland	8 p.m.
SEPTEMBER		
Sept. 6	Betsy Layne	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Phelps	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Pikeville	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Fleming-Neon	7:30 p.m.
OCTOBER		
Oct. 4	at Jenkins	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Hazard	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Allen Central	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Paintsville	7:30 p.m.
NOVEMBER		
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photo by P.J. Cox

New South Floyd High head football coach Donnie Daniels grouped players for a team photo Thursday. Daniels and the Raiders open the season on the road at Harlan.

OUTDOORS

Bunning announces federal funding for Paintsville Lake road project

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – U.S. Senator Jim Bunning announced recently announced that his proposal to provide \$500,000 in federal funding to Paintsville Lake State Park has been

(See PAINTSVILLE, page three)

SPORTSBOARD

Minor League Baseball

Midwest League: Second Half Standings

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Eastern Division: Dayton (Reds) 25-16 .610, Lansing (Cubs) 25-16 .610, x-Michigan (Astros) 24-17 .585, West Michigan (Tigers) 23-18 .561, Fort Wayne (Padres) 16-25 .390, South Bend (Diamondbacks) 11-30 .268.

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Western Division: Cedar Rapids (Angels) 24-15 .615, Quad City (Twins) 23-15 .605, x-Peoria (Cardinals) 21-18 .538, Clinton (Expos) 20-19 .513, Kane County (Marlins) 20-19 .513, Burlington (Royals) 19-20 .487, Beloit (Brewers) 15-23 .395, Wisconsin (Mariners) 12-27 .308.

GAMES ON TAP

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Cedar Rapids 10, Peoria 8; Kane County 6, Clinton 2; West Michigan 13, Dayton 12; Michigan 9, Fort Wayne 4; Lansing 10, South Bend 4; Burlington 5, Quad City 2; Wisconsin 14, Beloit 6.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Burlington at Lansing; Fort Wayne at Wisconsin; Michigan at Clinton; Peoria at Dayton; Quad City at Beloit; South Bend at Kane County; West Michigan at Cedar Rapids.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Burlington at Quad City; Cedar Rapids at Peoria; Clinton at Kane County; Dayton at West Michigan; Fort Wayne at Michigan; Lansing at South Bend; Wisconsin at Beloit.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Burlington at Lansing; Fort Wayne at Wisconsin; Michigan at Clinton; Peoria at Dayton; Quad City at Beloit; South Bend at Kane County; West Michigan at Cedar Rapids.

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Chelsie Cordial, Bluegrass State Games medal-winner.

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series August 12-18. This is the seventh season for the annual Thunder Through The Plains Tour which runs at tracks in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

The tour opens at the Thunder Hill Speedway in Mayetta, KS on Monday night, Aug. 12. The last All Star show was held at Thunder Hill in 2000, with Kenny Jacobs sitting in victory lane at the end of the evening.

The Tuesday night stop is at Wakeney Speedway in Wakeney, Kansas, a track last visited by the All Stars in 1998. Jeff Shepard was the winner that evening.

After a day off, Thursday action moves to the Mid-Nebraska Speedway in Doniphan. This will be the first ever appearance by the All Stars at Mid-Nebraska.

Friday night, Aug. 16 the 81 Speedway in Wichita, Kan. will host the fourth leg of the tour, followed by a visit to Tulsa (Okla.) Speedway on Saturday, Aug. 17 and the Tour concludes Sunday, Aug. 18 at State Fair Speedway in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Past winners include Dean Jacobs at 81 Speedway, Gary Wright at Tulsa and Joey Saldana won the last All Star race in Oklahoma City in 1997.

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Basketball

Women's National Basketball Association

MONARCHS 80, STARZZ 71. SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Ruthie Bolton scored 14 of her 20 points after halftime, and Yolanda Griffith had 19 points as Sacramento won its franchise-record sixth straight with a victory over Utah.

The Monarchs built a 15-point lead in the second half, but Griffith and Tangela Smith, who had 19 points and 12 rebounds, led a late rally for the Monarchs.

Though Sacramento (10-16) won't make the playoffs, the Monarchs prevented Utah (18-9) from clinching a playoff berth by winning.

Margo Dydek scored 23 of her career-high 27 points in the second half and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Starzz, who lost for just the third time in 11 games.

STORM 81, SPARKS 76. LOS ANGELES — Sue Bird had 17 points, including five free throws in the final 54.1 seconds, and 10 assists as Seattle defeated Los Angeles.

Lauren Jackson added 19 points, and Kamila Vodichkova had 14 of her 18 points and seven of her 10 rebounds in the second half for the Storm (15-13), who extended their franchise-record winning streak to five games.

Lisa Leslie scored 20 of her season-high 30 points in the first half and had a game-high 16 rebounds for Los Angeles (20-6). The Sparks lost back-to-back games for the first time this season, and it was the first time they lost consecutive home games since July 1998.

'THE DUNK' Lisa Leslie's great feat this past week is still being talked about and probably will be for a long, long time. The first WNBA dunk was no Michael Jordan throw-down, but nonetheless was great. — Steve LeMaster

Bowling

Kansas bowler leader on the Senior PBA Tour

LAWRENCE, Kan. — At an age when the careers of many professional bowlers have already peaked, Bob Glass is at his

best. Glass, 54, of Lawrence, is one of the most successful competitors on the Professional Bowlers Association Senior Tour.

With two stops remaining in the 10-tournament season, Glass leads the league in average (220.68), total points (11,440) and championship round appearances (three). His \$24,080 in total earnings this season ranks second only to PBA legend Mark Roth, who has collected \$28,375.

Neither figure is much to speak of in terms of professional sports salaries, but Glass is having too much fun to complain.

It was just two years ago when the University of Kansas did away with its Institute of Public Policy and Business Research, where Glass was an economics researcher. Glass, who had been at Kansas since 1978, could have stayed at the school in a different capacity.

Instead, he quit. The very next day, Glass was in Seattle — bowling. It's been his only job ever since.

The careers of most bowlers have reached a high point by the time they move from the PBA to the Senior PBA Tour at age 50. Not Glass though. He's still improving.

He won the PBA Senior Player of the Year Award in both 2000 and 2001 and stands a good chance to take home the honor again this year. Although he hasn't been victorious in any of the tour's first eight tournaments, Glass has finished second three times.

"When I turned 50, I thought of myself as being in the twilight of a mediocre regional career," Glass said. "All of a sudden, I become a senior and I'm somehow more successful."

One of the reasons for Glass' rise is commitment to staying in shape. At 6 feet 3 and a muscular 240 pounds, Glass looks more like a defensive end than a bowler. But it's that very size — and strength — that may be his biggest asset.

Bowlers take as many as 16 balls on each trip and are forced to drive to each tournament rather than fly. Glass put 45,000 miles on his Pontiac Grand Prix in both 2000 and 2001. Last year alone, Glass said he spent 190 nights in hotel rooms.

"At some point, my back is going to go out," Glass said, "so I always look for a place with a good ice machine."

The PBA doesn't provide travel expenses for Glass and the other bowlers, meaning they have to pay for their own travel between events. Glass won \$380 for finishing 10th at a regional tournament in Houston last weekend. But with gas, hotel and meal expenses, he ended up losing money.

"Either you have a good retirement plan, or you don't make it," said Glass' wife, Judy, who met her husband at a tournament in 1987.

Glass said he loves what he's doing now. "I can see myself doing this for another nine or 10 years," Glass said. "Why not?"

Transactions

BASEBALL American League

ANAHEIM ANGELS — Activated C Bengie Molina from the 15-day disabled list. Designated INF Jose Nieves for assignment.

BOSTON RED SOX — Waived 1B-DH Jose Offerman. Designated RHP Willie Banks to Pawtucket of the International League.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Recalled LHP Mike Porzio from Charlotte of the International League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Activated 3B Travis Fryman from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned OF-INF Ben Broussard to Buffalo of the International League.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Called up RHP Rusevlys Hernandez from Wichita of the Texas League. Optioned RHP Jeff Austin to Omaha of the PCL. Sent C Juan Brito outright to Wichita. Activated LHP Jeremy Affeldt from the 15-day disabled list.

OPTIONED RHP Kris Wilson to Wichita. National League CHICAGO CUBS — Activated C Joe Girardi from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned C Mike Mahoney to Iowa of the PCL.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned RHP Travis Smith to Memphis of the PCL. Recalled RHP Kevin Joseph from Memphis.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association DENVER NUGGETS — Acquired F Don Reid

and a future first-round draft pick from Orlando for a 2004 second-round draft pick. LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Signed F Chris Wilcox to a three-year contract.

NEW JERSEY NETS — Signed G Chris Childs. NEW ORLEANS HORNETS — Named Marc Boff strength and conditioning coach/physical therapist and Wes Wilcox video coordinator.

PHOENIX SUNS — Agreed to terms with F Shawn Marion on a six-year contract.

FOOTBALL National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Agreed to terms with LB Ray Lewis on a five-year contract extension, through the 2008 season.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed CB Steve Israel to a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Waived S Pig Prather from the reserve-retired list.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed WR Chris Jackson. Waived K Rob Bironas.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Waived TE John Sigmund. Signed TE Daurtae' Finger.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed TB Stephen Davis to a five-year contract. Arena Football League CHICAGO RUSH — Signed Mike Hohensee, coach, to a two-year contract extension, through the 2005 season.

HOCKEY National Hockey League

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS — Agreed to terms with C Andy McDonald on a two-year contract.

ATLANTA THRASHERS — Agreed to terms with F Vyacheslav Kozlov on a one-year contract. Signed F Tomi Kallio, F Ben Simon and C Chris Herperger.

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Re-signed LW Jeff Daniels to a one-year contract. Signed D Nikos Tselios and F-D Kaspars Astashenko to one-year contracts and F Jesse Bouleau to a two-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Agreed to terms with C Igor Laniyov on a one-year contract. LOS ANGELES KINGS — Agreed to terms with G Jamie Storr, LW Mikko Eloranta and C Steve Kelly on one-year contracts.

MINNESOTA WILD — Re-signed D Brad Brown to a one-year contract.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Re-signed Michel Therrien, coach, and Roland Melanson, Rick Green and Clement Jodoin, assistant coaches, to two-year contracts.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed F Vladimir Orszagh to a contract extension.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Signed F Jason Wittmar to a one-year contract.

OTTAWA SENATORS — Signed F Petr Schastlivy and F Steve Martins to multiyear contracts and F Brad Smyth to a one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Agreed to terms with F Shean Donovan on a one-year contract, and F Randy Rottaille and LW Dan LaCouture.

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Named Ted Hampson director of player evaluation and Jarmo Kekalainen director of amateur scouting.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Re-signed F Ben Clymer to a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with LW Andre Roy on a one-year contract.

American Hockey League

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Re-signed D Travis Richards, D Dave Van Druen and D Sheldon Brookbank.

SAINT JOHN FLAMES — Named Tom Frater equipment manager.

Commentary

Olympic fix: a lot of trouble for a visa

by STEVE WILSTEIN ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW YORK — This was the kind of dizzy scheme that could get a wise guy kicked out of the Russian mafia. Or laughed out.

Smuggling, da. Extortion, da. Murder, da. Fixing figure skating, nyet.

Alimzan Tokhtakhounov, arrested Wednesday in Italy on U.S. charges that he fixed the pairs and ice dancing in a vote-swapping deal at the Salt Lake City

Olympics, is described as a Russian crime boss operating out of southern France.

Didn't he ever see "The French Connection?" Bad guys deal in heroin, not tights and flouncy blouses.

If he beats the rap with the feds, he better watch out for Boris the Butcher and his other mafia buddies for embarrassing them. Fixing a fight or an election is one thing. But figure skating? Arnold Rothstein must be spinning in his grave.

Rothstein was a true hero to sports fixers. His 1919 World Series scam with the Chicago Black Sox was a work of art, as such things go, and he made a killing.

Frankie Carbo and Blinky Palermo in boxing, Jack Molinas and Henry Hill in basketball — they were fixers who knew how to cash in, at least until they were caught.

Tokhtakhounov supposedly pulled off this fix just for a French visa. He could have bought one on the streets of Marseille or Milan for the price of a meal.

Maybe it'll turn out that Tokhtakhounov is really Tony Harding in disguise. That could make the Russian mafia think twice about bumping him/her off.

There has to be more to this case than the feds are letting on. No legitimate crime boss could be so dumb as to risk his career for a couple of gold medals and a visa.

The attorney for the French judge in the middle of the Olympic scandal, Marie-Reine Le Gougne, tells an interesting story.

Amid the uproar in Salt Lake City in February, an FBI agent quietly sought out Le Gougne to ask if she knew a Russian mobster who lived in the south of France.

The Russian's name was Alimzan Tokhtakhounov.

The agent said he was following a tip from an anonymous source in London that a deal had been reached between French skating federation president Didier Gailhaguet and Tokhtakhounov. If Gailhaguet fixed the pairs event, Tokhtakhounov would give \$1 million to the French hockey team.

"It sounds like science fiction to me," Le Gougne's attorney, Erik Christiansen, told the agent.

Why anyone would want to give \$1 million to the French hockey team is as unfathomable as why anyone would want to fix ice dancing. But with all the looney cartoon characters in this evolving tale, anything's possible.

In the official version Wednesday, Tokhtakhounov "arranged a classic quid pro quo: 'You'll line up support for the Russian pair, we'll line up support for the French pair and everybody will go away with the gold, and perhaps there'll be a little gold for me.'"

Prosecutors said Tokhtakhounov hoped he would be rewarded with a visa to return to France, where he once lived. Seems like a lot of trouble for a visa.

After meeting with the FBI agent during the games, Christiansen spoke with Le Gougne about Tokhtakhounov.

"She never heard of him, she'd never met with him, she'd never seen him, she'd never spoken with him," Christiansen said.

The FBI never approached Le Gougne again, and Tokhtakhounov's name didn't come up at the International Skating Union inquiry that resulted in Le Gougne's suspension.

Another curious theory to explain some of the shenanigans was put forth by an attorney who represents pairs referee Ron Plenning and international judge Jon Jackson. They were key witnesses against Le Gougne during the ISU investigation and at the hearing in Lausanne, Switzerland, where she and Gailhaguet were banned for three years, plus the 2006 Games.

After Tokhtakhounov's arrest, the attorney, Benjamin Kaplan, said Plenning and Jackson want to see a wider investigation by the ISU into figure skating corruption.

"I'm pleased because obviously there were a lot of suspicions that it wasn't the French alone, that the Russians were deeply involved, and this confirms it," Kaplan said.

"Just like men in power used to have ballerinas in Russia, now the thing is to have champion skaters or other champions in other sports. The Russian mafia is deep into sport."

It's a frightening thought: scar-faced Russian mobsters sipping vodka while debating whether a skater's turquoise sequined blouse clashes with his partner's mauve feathers and who should be paid off to help them win.

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Baseball

Bowden apologizes for 9/11 remark

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS CINCINNATI — Reds general manager Jim Bowden compared a potential baseball strike with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, then apologized for the remark.

Bowden said before Cincinnati's 6-4, 13-inning victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Thursday that he doesn't expect a strike by major league players. Union head Donald Fehr has been meeting with players to brief them about the status of talks.

"If players want to strike, they ought to just pick Sept. 11, because that's what it's going to do to the game," Bowden said. "I don't think there's going to be a work stoppage. I don't think anybody's that dumb."

"If they do walk out, make sure it's Sept. 11. Be symbolic. Let Donald Fehr drive the plane right into the building, if that's what they want to do."

After the game, the Reds released a statement by Bowden apologizing for the analogy.

"Earlier today while speaking to a group of reporters, I made a horrible comparison between baseball's labor situation and the tragedy of 9/11," the statement said. "I regret making such extremely insensitive remarks, and I apologize to anyone I may have offended. I am truly sorry."

The executive board of the players' association could set a strike date as soon as next week, after Fehr completes his meetings.

College

Notebooking Thursday's SEC Media Days

by JOHN ZENOR ASSOCIATED PRESS HOOVER, Ala. — If you want to get Casey Clauer fired up, bring up Tennessee's loss to LSU in the Southeastern Conference championship game last season.

"Do myself and my team still remember that game? Yes," the Volunteers quarter-

back said. "Our motto for this year is unfinished business. We've got something to prove."

"To get to that point and not get it done, just talking about it sets a spark in me."

The Volunteers are overwhelming favorites to win the league title this season, but the players are still seething over that 31-20 loss that ended their national championship hopes in Atlanta.

"A lot of guys that were in that locker room after the LSU game are coming back," Clausen said at SEC Media Days Thursday. "Hopefully we can learn from that and get better from it."

Coach Phillip Fulmer knows the fans are expecting them to respond with another league title — at the least. Nevermind that the Vols have to replace their entire starting defensive line and tailback Travis Stephens, the league's leading rusher last year.

"We've got a lot of high expectations at our place. That doesn't change," Fulmer said.

There's a three-way battle among returnees to replace Stephens, including Cedric Houston, Troy Fleming and Corey Larkins.

Fulmer is hoping one of them will claim the job and carry on the Vols' workhorse tradition of the likes of Charlie Garner, Jamal Lewis and Stephens.

"I hope one of them will establish themselves as a future All-American like we've had," Fulmer said.

He said the summer has proven productive, with seniors finally accepting leadership roles in getting younger players — particularly the receivers — to attend voluntary workouts.

"That's been a challenge for us," Fulmer said. "Great teams have very strong senior leadership."

ALABAMA:

Finally, Tyler Watts can relax and get comfortable as Alabama's starting quarterback.

Or can he? "Fall camp will answer that better than I can today," coach Dennis Franchione said. "I think it's real possible that Brodie (Croyle) may come in and have 29 great practices. If he does that, then he's going to give us a real thought process on how we're going to get him in there with Tyler."

"We have a bona fide leader in Tyler, but I think we have a real rising star in Brodie Croyle and Spencer Pennington."

Watts started nine games last season, rushing for 100-plus yards three times. A torn groin muscle against Southern Mississippi ended his year. He had battled the past few years with Andrew Zow for the job.

Watts has nothing but praise for Croyle, a former prep All-American who became the state's all-time passing leader at Westbrook Christian.

Watts' scouting report: "Tremendous athletic ability. An incredibly strong arm. He's really learning about football. When he first got here, he was kind of a gunslinger who just slung it around."

"He's really learned self-control. He's learned how to play smart. He's going to do great things for this university in times to come."

Watts certainly doesn't sound like a quarterback fretting over the competition. "Tyler is going to play out of personal pride to do well more than looking over his shoulder at anybody coming and how they're doing," Franchione said.

KENTUCKY:

Kentucky's Guy Morriss believes in accentuating the positive instead of negatives that include NCAA probation and last year's 2-9 record.

"If you're an outside observer, all you've heard about is the negative about Kentucky football," the second-year head coach said. "I think Kentucky football is in as good a shape as it's been in a long time."

"I think Kentucky's the best-kept secret in college football," he said.

He cited a new, football-oriented president and athletic director and good facilities in an interview session that resembled a recruiting pitch.

"I sense good things happening in Kentucky football," Morriss said. "I think it's a good time for a young man to come to Kentucky."

Receiver Derek Abney thinks a six-win season is realistic if the Wildcats can get an early confidence boost.

"It is a realistic goal in my mind, because of all the games we were close to winning last year," Abney said. "We have to get that first big, close win before we start rolling."

Morriss said he's not concerned about the weight of lineman-sized quarterback Jared Lorenzen, who has already passed the team's conditioning test.

"I'd like him at under 280. He's getting close to that," Morriss said. "I feel pretty good about his physical condition."

Lorenzen's favorite target isn't concerned either.

"Seventy five percent of my completions are when he's scrambling," Abney said. "Now, what's a 300-pounder doing scrambling? I don't know, but he gets it done."

MISSISSIPPI STATE:

NCAA investigators have been looking into possible violations at Mississippi State, but Jackie Sherrill is confident his program will be OK.

"I'm not going to jump off a 50-foot cliff because somebody's coming in and talking to our players," Sherrill said. "I know what I've done and how we operate. If there are any issues, we will correct them and deal with them and have checks and balances and we'll move on."

Sherrill doesn't feel the investigation will be a distraction to his players.

"Players are not concerned about that. Y'all (the media) are more concerned about it than the players," he said. "I guess that's the best way to put it."

On the field, Mississippi State is trying to recover from a 3-8 season that included a loss to Division I-A newcomer Troy State.

"Everybody learned from that experience," linebacker Mario Haggan said. "I think we're going to bounce back and have a good season."

The Bulldogs began to show life when Kevin Fant took over at quarterback, scoring more points (74) in their last two games than they did in their first six (67).

Sherrill was impressed by his quarterback's summer job.

"I don't know of many Division I quarterbacks that are starters that are driving tractors," Sherrill said. "That tells you what he's made of and the toughness he has."

QUOTABLE:

"I'm glad he's in Washington. I will not miss him."

Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer on Steve Spurrier's departure for the NFL.

Auto racing

All Stars Challenge NCRA drivers in Thunder Through The Plains VII Aug. 12-18

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TOLEDO, Ohio — The All Star Circuit of Champions sprint cars will head west to challenge the National Championship Racing Association (NCRA) sprints in a six-race

Dispute

2 (which I highly recommend, by the way) about Ernie Harwell, the legendary voice of the Tigers. All of a sudden, it dawned on me.

Here's how to settle this labor issue: By taking it out of the hands of both the players and management.

So here's my idea. I want to

form a committee of four men, all who love baseball in its purest form and have the best interest of the game itself at heart, and let them decide this on-going debate.

My committee would consist of Harwell, Bob Costas, Vin Scully and Peter Gammons.

Think about this.

These four gentlemen share a love of baseball and a passion for the sport.

Yes, Harwell and Scully are employed by management, but one is ready to retire and the other could at a moment's notice. They have nothing left to prove.

Are there four more

involved, more gifted, more cherished figures?

I don't think so.

Put them at the table. Make their decisions binding. Let them decide.

Close the doors and let them work.

The way I see it, this is perfect. Sure, there's the little matter of it being a four-person committee, so there's the possi-

bility of ties, but they aren't in there to take sides; we want them to work together as a single unit to settle this once and for all. I don't think it would be much of an issue, really. They're professionals, and when it came down to it, their love for the game would result in them working through any disagreements.

These are the men who should decide how the game is run over the next several years. Let them decide about firm salary caps, luxury taxes, profit sharing, if the Marlins can bus to Tampa Bay next year, how much per diem millionaires really need and maybe even if Pete Rose should be allowed in the Hall.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Special teams coach reminded of last season

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LATROBE, Pa. — The mish-mash of missed field goals — 14, the most in the NFL. The three blocked or altered punts. The two blocked field goals for touchdowns. The three touchdowns allowed in two playoff games.

The special teams horror show that marred the Pittsburgh Steelers' otherwise sterling season a year ago cost former assistant coach Jay Hayes his job — and, safety Lee Flowers still contends, cost them a trip to the Super Bowl.

Kevin Spencer, the new special teams coach, spent hour after hour reviewing the breakdowns, the missed tackles and missed kicks and began to understand the challenge he faces this season.

The biggest is making the Steelers and their fans forget

about the disasters of a year ago — one reason Spencer is reluctant to talk about them, lest he reawaken all the bad moments.

"Last year was last year, I wasn't here," said Spencer, who, nevertheless, is being reminded constantly at training camp about last season. "I know it's an issue that's been raised and everybody's hyper about it but, hey, last year was last year, give it a rest."

The Steelers' fans may give him that benefit of the doubt, at least until new kicker Todd Peterson misses his first field goal attempt or a punt is returned for 20 yards or longer.

That's why, to Spencer, Pittsburgh is no different than Cleveland or Oakland or Indianapolis, the other stops in his 12-year NFL coaching career. Fans expect nothing less than perfection on special teams, even if such perfection is

impossible to achieve.

"Unfortunately, it (a special teams mistake) is catastrophic," Spencer said. "You try to keep it to a minimum and do that to the other guy more than he does it to you. But it's not foolproof. (Former Chiefs coach) Frank Gansz told me a long time ago that you never bat 1.000 in this game."

But it's that .750 percentage — the number of postseason touchdowns allowed by special teams (3) compared to their defense (1) — that still haunts the Steelers.

Special teams captain John Fiala replays almost daily his missed tackle on Troy Brown's pivotal 55-yard punt return touchdown in the Patriots' 24-17 upset victory in the AFC title game. So does Flowers.

"The special teams lost that game, period," he said.

And Flowers, the most critical of the Steelers' players following that game, is still lobbying for coach Bill Cowher and Spencer to use more starters on

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AUTO RACING

Rookie is back home again in Indiana for Brickyard 400

by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Ryan Newman is a Hoosier and Winston Cup rookie. He would love nothing more than to become part of the storied history of Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"Indianapolis would be special to me even if I wasn't from Indiana," he said. "It's one of the places I dreamed about racing at as I was growing up."

Newman is from South Bend and attended Purdue, where he earned a bachelor's degree last summer in vehicle structural engineering. The Speedway is as special to him as it is to Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart, the only other Hoosiers on the Winston Cup circuit.

Gordon has three wins on the track. Like Stewart, Newman will be looking for his first victory on the track Sunday in the Brickyard 400. Newman was in the race last year, starting fifth before a crash relegated him to 31st place.

"We had a good start there last year and even though we didn't have the finish we wanted it was a good showing for us," he said. "We've learned a lot since then and were excited to go back."

Still searching for his first points-paying victory — he won The Winston, NASCAR's all-star race in May — Newman is

sneaking up on Jimmie Johnson in the race for top rookie honors.

After falling far off Johnson's pace in the rookie standings, Newman has closed within 13 points entering the Brickyard.

Johnson, a flashy 26-year-old Californian, has two victories this season and is a constant companion to Gordon, who owns part of his Chevrolet.

The 24-year-old Newman is low-key, hanging around his No. 12 Ford at the track while trying to feel his way around the Winston Cup garage.

They do have one thing in common, Newman said, when it comes to racing.

"Where there is a hole is where we go," Newman said. "Sometimes, we may not know any better, and we stick our nose in spots where we shouldn't, but we still try."

Now he's hitting a stretch where he could have an advantage over Johnson. While Johnson has developed a rabid fan base that makes it difficult for him to navigate around the race track, Newman has maintained a quiet presence.

"The things you learn the first time around are the simple things, like where is the garage area, where is the rest room, which way do I go to get here or there," Newman said. "Stuff like that makes it simple when you

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Paintsville

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approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The funding is included in the Senate version of the Fiscal Year 2003 Transportation Appropriations Bill.

Specifically, this funding will be used to construct an access road at Glade Branch to a proposed development site at Paintsville Lake State Park.

The developmental site would be a significant addition to the beautiful area.

"I worked extremely hard to secure this level of funding and am excited about what it will mean economically and socially for folks in Paintsville," Bunning said.

The transportation Appropriations Bill must now be approved by the full Senate.

In the April 26, 2002, edition of The Paintsville Herald, it was announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation has released \$1,456,500 in federal funding to improve Stone Coal Road.

The funding was issued to the state as a result of legislation written by U.S. Representative Hal Rogers in his first term as chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation.

Johnson County Judge-Executive Tucker Daniel said earlier this year that the money acquired by Rogers to upgrade Stone Coal Road was the first step in accessing the Glade/Heights site.

Daniel said that a private developer has proposed a \$33 million dollar project to be built on the property, which will include an approximately 106-room lodge, 50 to 60 cabins, a beach area, a water park, campsites, a trap and skeet shooting range, a new restaurant, and an expanded marina. A water park would be extremely popular with area residents, especially the younger population.



courtesy photo

Kendra Gambill, Bluegrass State Games medal-winner.

Open to Compliments



Golf Magazine listed the Trail's newest course, The Judge at Capitol Hill in Prattville, as one of 10 public courses in the country worthy of hosting the U.S. Open.

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Coming soon, 'The Sopranos' on ice

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Just what figure skating needed: another cheap thrill.

Already a refuge for con artists and cronyism, now it has become a front for the mob. Any hope of getting the sport kicked of the next Winter Olympics just vanished. Besides having friends now in high and low places, imagine the appeal of "The Sopranos" on ice.

A few people already have. Former national pairs skating champion Tai Babilonia said she would have trouble telling little kids to take up her sport.

That was six weeks ago. Thursday morning, Babilonia picked up her newspaper in Los Angeles and read about the lat-

est intrigue. As befits a sport with both an international clientele and a flair for the dramatic, the story detailed the arrest of a Russian mobster living in an Italian resort who was charged by U.S. prosecutors in Manhattan with fixing a pair of figure skating events at the Salt Lake City Olympics. (Get this: The mobster undertook the whole thing so he could get a permanent visa to live in France. France!)

And this is what Babilonia, who said she "tries to look on the good side of everything and everyone," said about her sport: "They need to spray '409' on the whole thing."

Randy Gardner, her former skating partner, was thinking the same thing.

"There have been tight squeezes and close calls before, but this is kind of like our Enron," he said.

But John Nicks, the British-born, plain-speaking skating coach who has just as much at stake in the sport as his former pupils, is anything but dismayed.

He's been in the racket long enough to know the latest turn of events might be bad for reputations, but it couldn't be much better for business.

"It's something I wouldn't have put together my whole life," he said, chuckling. "I can think of no more unlikely combination than ice dancing and the FBI."

Yet there they were, those very words laid out side by side in the papers. Like the compulsory figures the skaters once were required to trace, the alleged conspiracy got more intricate the longer it went on.

The problem was the higher-ups at the International Skating

Union lost interest too soon. After debunking, then disciplining, French judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne and her federation boss, Didier Gailhauget, they dashed back to their cocktail parties before their martinis turned warm. What they conveniently forgot was the other side to what U.S. prosecutors termed a classic quid pro quo — the Russian half of the equation.

"Just more intrigue," Nicks said, "which is one of the things this sport thrives on."

"It's always been a really strange activity, sort of an elegant soap opera. I'm sure that's why the American public loves it so. Probably 1 in 1,000 people here goes skating, but their interest is almost unchecked."

"So it all depends on how you define harm. Personally, I think interest in figure skating will be more intense and widespread than ever, just as we experienced after the nasty Harding-Kerrigan business."

Ah, Tonya.

You remember her.

She whacked skating's credibility in the knee and gave it a ratings boost the ongoing soap opera has never quite recovered from. Now we come to find out that skaters aren't the only people occasionally trying to push the envelope.

Bad music, pouffy uniforms, constant whining and indecipherable scoring — figure skat-

ing always seemed like anything but a real sport, anyway. Now, though, it at least has one thing in common with basketball, baseball and football.

But the scandal also moves figure skating farther out on the limb, away from gymnastics and diving and closer to pro wrestling. It's becoming a parody of itself.

It doesn't matter that it's the most popular Olympic sport. What happened at Salt Lake City proved the tail is wagging the dog. Awarding two gold medals to send the audience home happy scraped some credibility off not just figure skating, but rookie International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge as well.

Figure skating is plenty athletic — no argument there — but it has crossed a line no sport should ever cross.

A real sport needs a clock or a scoreboard that everybody can follow or, like boxing, at least a chance for one competitor to take the other out before the result falls into the judges' hands.

"Then go watch archery," Nicks said. "You'll get a true, great result and maybe all of 300 people watching."

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■ FOOTBALL

Georgetown favored for MSC title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CORBIN — The coaches of the Mid-South Conference believe Georgetown College is the favorite to win what would be its fifth consecutive football championship. That is the result of a poll taken of the nine head coaches at last week's annual Mid-South Conference meeting, held on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia.

Georgetown was at the top of all but one possible ballot, and for good reason. The two-time defending NAIA national champions have lost only once in the last three seasons (41-1, 21-0 MSC), and that was in the 1999 national finals. Since then, the Tigers have rolled to 28 straight wins.

Cumberland University of Lebanon, Tenn., edged out Campbellsville University for second place. Cumberland was 3-3 in the league a year ago and finished the season 6-4, while Campbellsville finished second in the MSC at 5-2 and was a national quarterfinalist, ending the season 10-3 overall.

Lambuth (Tenn.) University was tabbed fourth after finishing 3-4 and in a three-way tie for fourth last season with Belhaven (Miss.) College and Pikeville College. The Eagles were 3-6 overall. Belhaven, which finished 4-6 last year, was picked fifth by the coaches.

Only two points separated the next three teams in the poll. League newcomer U.Va.-Wise, which joins the league in football this autumn, was sixth. The Cavaliers are coming off a 6-4 season a year ago. Cumberland College was picked seventh. The Patriots were 3-7 last year, 1-6 in the MSC.

Pikeville College was picked eighth. In their first varsity season, the Bears were 3-7 a year ago and 3-4 against league competition. Union College was picked ninth. The Bulldogs were 2-7 on the season, 2-4 in the MSC.

The results of the poll are as follows, listed by school, last year's final overall record and poll points, with teams getting one point for first-place vote down to eight points for an eighth-place vote. No coach was allowed to vote for his own team:

MSC PREDICTED FINISH AS VOTED ON BY COACHES

Georgetown	14-0	9
Cumberland (Tenn.)	6-4	18
Campbellsville	10-3	19
Lambuth (Tenn.)	3-6	29
Belhaven (Miss.)	4-6	45
U.Va.-Wise	6-4	48
Cumberland (Ky.)	3-7	49
Pikeville	3-7	50
Union	2-7	57

Dispute

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And who better than these four? Consider:

■ Harwell equals respect. The voice of the "Tigahs" has been at this for 55 years, including 42 in the Motor City. The Hall of Famer remembers what baseball was like before television, George Steinbrenner and even the color barrier was broken. This guy announced Willie Mays' first game, wrote for The Sporting News when he was 16 and covered the premier of Gone With the Wind. Who tops him?

■ The answer to that is Scully, according to Harwell himself. Scully is another Hall of Famer who has been named the nation's top broadcaster four different times. He's in his 53rd season as voice of the Dodgers. Think about that: He's been the voice of a team in the second-largest city in the country for more than half a century, and while others complain about how the game plods along, Scully uses dead time to recite a line of poetry or a verse of song. Oh, and he works alone.

■ The relative child in this group, Costas has been touted as a

potential commissioner of this game. During his time at NBC, he has broadcast World Series games, Super Bowls and NBA Finals. He has broadcast regional hockey while a student at Syracuse and served as the anchor for numerous Olympic

Games. And his story about Marvin Barnes not wanting "to get on no time machine" on a flight from Louisville to St. Louis is priceless.

■ A lot can be said about Peter Gammons, who covers the sport like no other for ESPN through SportsCenter, Baseball Tonight and

ESPN.com. But really, all you need to know about Gammons is this: General Managers around the game call him to find out what's happening in their sport. When it comes to baseball, he is The Man.

So there you go. Play out the season, have the Yankees and Braves meet in the World Series and end this thing the right way.

Then, during the second week in November, put them in an undisclosed Hyatt Regency somewhere free of cell phones and Internet services and let these men work. Let them start on Monday, go home on Friday evening and then come back on Sunday to spend a couple of days putting the finishing touches on it.

In the end, baseball's problems would be solved. The nation's pastime would be like the NFL and NBA, with its major issue (money) settled. It could get back to winning back the fans, with folks in smaller towns having the same chance at October baseball as the Yankees.

It seems so simple to me. So why won't this work?

Rookie

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come back the second time."

As the series hits the second half, Newman will return to 12 tracks on which he already has raced.

He proved how powerful familiarity can be the last two weekends, finishing fifth at Pocono Raceway and New Hampshire International Speedway — two of the more difficult NASCAR tracks.

Newman has finished higher than Johnson in four of the last six races, and although Johnson

is still third in the series standings, Newman has climbed from 16th to 12th the past three weeks.

Still, Newman said he's a long way from feeling comfortable every week.

"You can feel that way, but something else can come up and bite you again," he said. "As long as we keep trying our hardest and giving it all we've got, that's all we can do, whether we finish or not finish or have a win."

Season

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special teams.

"If it requires it, I will (do it)," Flowers said. "Coach Cowher knows where we stand. Whatever it takes."

So far, his voice is being heard; the starting secondary of Flowers, Brent Alexander, Chad Scott and Dwayne Washington is currently being used on the punt return team.

Spencer, much more animated on the practice field than Hayes was, is using the early days of training camp to go over basics and evaluate which players are best suited to special teams roles.

"On punt (protection) teams I'm always ultra concerned, so I may be more reliant on veterans," said Spencer, the fifth special teams coach in Cowher's 11 seasons.

"I don't have a formula;

maybe we'll use a starter early in the game and finish with somebody else. What I want is to get the best players on the field."

There's certainly room for improvement; last season, the Steelers ranked 29th among the 31 NFL teams in kickoff returns, 25th in punt coverage, 23rd in punt returns, 15th in kickoff returns and a dead-last 31st in field goals.

Spencer wasn't retained by new Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy after the Colts finished near the bottom in punt returns and kickoff coverage, but his energy and enthusiasm impressed Cowher.

The Steelers not only changed special teams coaches but kickers, replacing Kris Brown with Peterson, the former Chiefs kicker.



courtesy photo Micaya Canterbury, Bluegrass State Games medal-winner.

Notebook

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at approximately 11 a.m. The afternoon activities are canoe rides, archery shoots, shotgun pattering, and a turkey calling contest. The activities will end with an evening cookout.

The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be giving anyone under 17 years of age a free

Jakes (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) membership.

To pre-register and additional information contact Tom Bormes at 606/285-5061; Tim Goble at 606/874-2490; Paul Hagans at 606/285-0176, or Gerald Jone, 606/886-8656.

Summa

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Summa averaged 10 points and 10 rebounds while blocking 121 shots as a senior at MCHS. He led the team to a 23-7 record.

In his time as a Hornet, he set school marks for most blocked and altered (81) shots. Prior to coming back home to his native Magoffin County, Summa played volleyball at L.C. Bird

High School in Richmond, Va. When he entered Campbell University he declared his major as sport management. At Pikeville College, Summa joins fellow Magoffin County Hornet Travis Allen. Although both are MCHS graduates, they didn't have the chance to play together in high school.

Parker

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state semifinals in his sophomore and senior seasons. A stellar high school senior season featured 65 receptions for 1,504 yards and 20 touchdowns. Accolades included First-team All-state by The Associated Press and second-team All-state by the Louisville Courier-Journal. In addition, he was chosen for the Lexington Herald-Leader "Class of the Commonwealth" listing of the top 22 seniors in the state of Kentucky and was a finalist for the state's "Mr. Football" Award.

And, he was also looked at by several schools for his basketball skills.

Among the finalists for his college choice were Kentucky, Marshall, and Western Kentucky.

With the departure of oft-troubled receiver Brad Pyatt this week, the former Lawrence County Bulldog will likely get more pigskins thrown his way. As the 2002 season unfolds, it brings a campaign which

breeds uncertainty for the UK grid program.

Parker is the son of Rick and Laura Parker.

Parker teammate Glen Pakulak received an honor this week.

Pakulak led the SEC with 44.5 yards per punt in 2001.

This week, he was selected by attendees at the SEC Football Media Day to the 2002 Pre-Season All-SEC First Team. The returning All-American is the lone representative of the Wildcats on the teams.

Pakulak led the SEC with 44.5 yards per punt in 2001.

Voters also predicted Kentucky would finish in fifth place in the SEC-East, with Tennessee winning the division. The Volunteers were also selected as overall SEC champion. Florida, selected as runner-up to Tennessee for the SEC title, was picked for third place in the Eastern Division behind second-place Georgia.

Students

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Sincerely,
Johnny Ray Turner
State Senator

Gambill and his students will not rest on their accomplishments. The next competition for the Family Academy of Martial Arts group is the state meet on August 31 in Frankfort. In late-September, Gambill and team will travel to Elgin, Ill. for a national competition. The group just recently competed in the Bluegrass State Games, where, as usual, it was very successful.

Prior to the national event, students with the Auxier-based academy will put on an exhibition in the parking lot of Wal-Mart in Prestonsburg.

For more information on Family Academy of Martial Arts, call 606/889-9077.

Kidd

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While gone from the Floyd County and 15th Region athletic realm, Kidd is still busy himself with officiating. This summer, he's kept busy calling high school and semi-pro football games in Louisville, as well as volleyball and basketball.

Kidd spent two seasons at the Piarist School. During that time, he taught, served as athletic director, and coached both boys' and girls' basketball. He is a graduate of Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Camps

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refreshments and a camp T-shirt. For more information, call Halbert at 285-3445.

Another camp scheduled to be up and running this week is the Mark Baldwin Basketball Camp at Paintsville High School. Baldwin is the girls' basketball coach for the Lady Tiger program.

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SUMMER DELIGHTS

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The savory sweetness of all-natural molasses will impart moistness and a delicate caramel aroma to all kinds of recipes.

Follow up your tangy new creations with a drink that's as pretty as a summer's day and the perfect complement to one too. Lemon juice from concentrate will add the zing you're looking for in many of your summer recipes.

TIPS FOR USING LEMON JUICE FROM CONCENTRATE

- Keep meats, poultry and fish moist while grilling—just brush lemon juice on several times.
- Add flavor without added salt or calories.
- Substitute for vinegar or wine in marinades and dressings.
- Use to help tenderize meat and poultry while marinating.
- Brush on fruits/veggies to prevent/slow browning.
- Clean and freshen cutting boards.
- Remove odors (i.e. garlic) from hands.
- Liven up beverages.

TIPS FOR USING MOLASSES

- Use molasses in coffee, tea or decaffeinated beverages instead of sugar or artificial sweeteners.
- Add molasses to your favorite hot cereal.
- Dip fresh apple slices in lemon juice, then in molasses; sprinkle with a cinnamon-sugar mix.
- Substitute molasses in place of sugar in your recipes in the following amounts:

In place of this much sugar	Use this much molasses	And reduce liquid by
1 cup	1 cup	1/3 cup
3/4 cup	3/4 cup	1/4 cup
2/3 cup	2/3 cup	1/4 cup
1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3 tablespoons
1/3 cup	1/3 cup	2 tablespoons
1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1 tablespoon

Note: Don't reduce amount of oil the recipe may call for; liquids to be reduced are water or any type of milk. This substitution will produce a more moist baked product that will stay fresh longer.

Frozen Daiquiri Slush

- 2 cups water
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 1/2 cup ReaLime Lime Juice from Concentrate
- 2 tablespoons rum, optional
- 1 (1-liter) bottle carbonated water, chilled

Combine water, sugar, lemon juice from concentrate, lime juice from concentrate and rum, if desired, in medium-sized bowl; stir until sugar dissolves. Pour into 2-quart square baking dish. Freeze at least 6 hours or until firm.

To serve, scrape across surface with large spoon and place slush in glasses. Add carbonated water, stir to mix. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Frozen Daiquiri Slush and Refreshing Berryade



Grilled Sherry Pork Chops

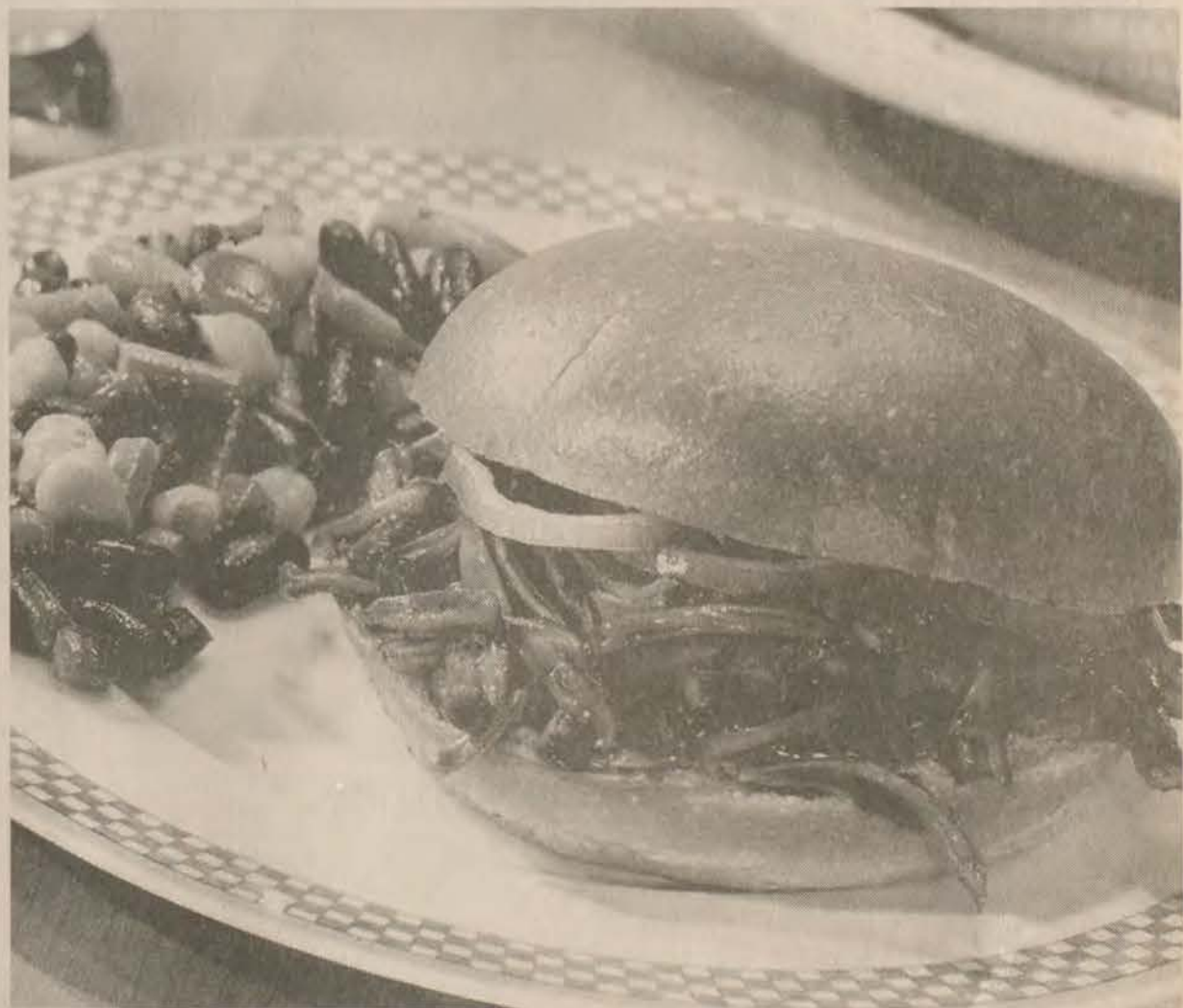
- 1/4 cup Holland House Sherry Cooking Wine
- 1/4 cup Grandma's Molasses
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 4 pork chops (1-inch thick)

In plastic bowl, combine sherry, molasses and soy sauce; pour over pork chops. Cover; refrigerate 30 minutes. Prepare grill. Drain pork chops. Grill pork chops over medium-high heat 20 to 30 minutes or until pork is no longer pink in center, turning once and brushing frequently with marinade.

Note: Discard any remaining marinade. Do not baste during last 5 minutes of grilling.

Makes 4 servings.

Grilled Sherry Pork Chops



Tangy Barbecue Chicken Sandwiches

Refreshing Berryade

- 6 1/2 cups water, divided
- 2 cups fresh or frozen unsweetened raspberries
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- Ice Cubes

Combine 3 cups water, 2 cups raspberries and sugar in large saucepan. Bring just to a boil, stirring to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat. Cover and let stand 20 minutes.

Press mixture through fine-mesh sieve; discard seeds. Transfer to pitcher. Stir in remaining 3 1/2 cups water and lemon juice from concentrate. Chill at least 3 hours. Serve over ice cubes. Garnish with fresh raspberries if desired.

Strawberryade

Substitute strawberries for raspberries. Add 1 or 2 drops red food coloring if desired. Proceed as directed.

Makes 8 servings.

Tangy Barbecue Chicken Sandwiches

- 8 medium skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (2 pounds)
- 2 cups water, divided
- 1 cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 3/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/2 cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 1/3 cup Grandma's Molasses
- 6 to 8 Hoagie buns, split
- Green bell pepper slices or pickled jalapeño peppers, optional

Rinse chicken; pat dry. Combine water and 1 cup lemon juice from concentrate in large skillet. Add chicken.

Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 12 to 14 minutes or until chicken is tender and no longer pink. Drain well. Shred with 2 forks.

Combine barbecue sauce, 1/2 cup lemon juice from concentrate and molasses in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, stir in shredded chicken and heat through.

Serve on a bun with green pepper slices or jalapeño peppers if desired.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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Donna's
Day Creative
family fun

by Donna Erickson

Minibreaks
make memories
for busy families

From an overscheduled mom in Connecticut came this timely request: "With my busy work schedule, I won't have time for a big vacation with my three kids this summer, but I would appreciate some good 'do-together' activities to enjoy with them close to home. Any ideas?"

You bet! Here are some minibreaks you can take advantage of on weekday evenings or weekends. Now that we're well into summer break, put your favorites on a calendar to help you be inten-



tional about making memories and having fun with your busy family.

Laugh, be curious, put yourself in your children's frame of mind and don't worry about perfection. The point is to enjoy new experiences with people you love. Here are some ideas that don't require a lot of planning time:

FAMILY ADVENTURES

Take a short trip one day and do a follow-up activity the next, such as hulling berries after visiting a "pick-your-own" berry farm. For families with more than one child, keep in mind that interests will vary.

GROW TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHILD'S INTERESTS

Reflect on the past school year and think about the things that fascinated your child. Then, do simple activities related to that subject matter. For example, if the interest is outer space, plan an outing to a planetarium. Or check with your local parks, YMCA, library, toy stores and children's bookstores to check out classes or workshops on the topic.

FORE!

Make a miniature golf course in your own back yard. Collect cans of various sizes (with no sharp edges), flowerpots, garden hoses, boards, bricks and other suitable items. Space the cans around the yard on their sides to make holes, and other items to make obstacles. For example, use a board and a log to make an incline, and then place a container filled with water at the end of the board for a water hazard.

Pasta dish is harmony
of color and taste

It used to be, and not so long ago, that if you mentioned "linguine" or "fettuuccine" to any non-Italian, the reaction would be "huh?" Not so today when almost everyone recognizes them as pasta — a wholesome, hunger-appealing staple that can be dressed up or down to suit any occasion.

From Alphabet macaroni to Ziti, pasta has been adopted for the humblest meal, like Pasta e Fagioli (Macaroni and Beans), to the more intricate and expensive lasagna and timbalo, which is cooked pasta baked in a mold with layers of other ingredients, then unmolded for serving.

Pasta is a convenient carbohydrate, one source of the energy that fuels the body. It's also a protein, but because it is derived from a plant (wheat) it's an incomplete protein lacking some of the essential amino acids. To complete the protein, if that's what you want to do, it must be combined with a vegetable protein or small amount of animal protein, including cheese, at the same meal.

Fettuuccine Primavera does just that. A medley of fresh vegetables presents a palette of lovely colors and, with the cheese, rounds out the protein.

I know the ingredient list is long, but it's a harmony of color and taste we want. And the recipe is quite simple.

FETTUCCINE PRIMAVERA

1 cup red bell pepper, thin strips
1 cup yellow squash, thin strips
1 cup zucchini, thin strips

1 cup chopped fresh fennel
1 cup snow peas
8 ounces fettuuccine
3 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cups milk
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 cup grated Jarlsberg cheese
Salt and pepper
3 scallions, thinly sliced
1 pint halved cherry tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley

1. In large pot of boiling salted water blanch bell pepper, squash, zucchini, fennel and snow peas 2 to 3 minutes for crisp texture (4 to 5 minutes for soft). Remove with slotted spoon; set aside; keep warm.

2. Bring water to boil again and cook pasta according to package directions.

Drain well. Set aside; keep warm. Meanwhile, prepare sauce: Over low heat melt butter; remove from heat and whisk in flour. Return to low heat and cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk in milk, 1/2 cup at a time. Whisk in mustard, cayenne and Worcestershire, blending in well. Return to medium heat and whisk until smooth, 3 to 4 minutes. Gently stir in Jarlsberg cheese. Season with salt and pepper.

3. Return pasta and vegetables to large pot; toss with scallions, tomatoes, parsley and sauce. Makes 4 to 6 side-dish servings.

THE
CHOPPING
BLOCK
by Philomena
Corradeno

Can I Have That Recipe?

Some dishes are just so special that everyone wants to know how it was made. This easy slaw salad is such a recipe. Share this dish at your own risk, but be prepared — take the recipe with you!

CREAMY PICNIC COLESLAW

1 cup fat-free mayonnaise
Sugar substitute to equal 1/4 cup sugar

1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1 tablespoon white distilled vinegar
1 teaspoon celery seed
6 cups finely shredded cabbage

In a large bowl, combine mayonnaise, sugar substitute, mustard, vinegar and celery seed. Add cabbage.

(See RECIPE, page six)

Comfort foods

Made fast
and
healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Watching me go

Diane Tullson
(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE PARENT'S SOUL")

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The crayoned picture shows a first-grade boy with shoe-box arms, stovepipe legs and tears squirting like melon seeds. The carefully printed caption reads "I am so sad." It is my son Brendan's drawing-journal entry for Sept. 19. Brendan cried his first day of school, dissolving at his classroom door like a human bouillon cube. The classroom jiggled with small faces, wet-combed hair, white Nikes and new backpacks. Something furry scuttled around in a big wire cage. Garden flowers rested on Mrs. Phillips' desk. Mrs.

Phillips has halo status at our school. She is a kind, soft-spoken master of the 6-year-old mind. But even she could not coax Brendan to a seat. Most kids sat eagerly awaiting Dick and Jane, and two plus two. Not my Brendan. His eyes streamed, his nose ran, and he clung to me like a snail on a strawberry. I plucked him off and escaped.

It wasn't that Brendan didn't like school. He was the kid at the preschool Christmas concert who knew everyone's part, and who performed "Jingle Bells" with operatic passion. Brendan just didn't like being apart from me. We'd had some good

times, he and I, in those preschool years. We played at the pool. We skated on quiet morning ice. We sampled half the treat tray at weekly neighborhood coffee parties. Our time together wasn't exactly material for a picture book, but it was time together. And time moves differently for a child.

Now in first grade, Brendan was faced with five hours of wondering what I was doing with my day.

Brendan always came home for lunch; the only one in his class not to eat at his desk. But once home, fed and hugged, a faraway look of longing would crease his gentle brow — he

wanted to go back to school to play! So I walked him back, waited with him until he spotted someone he knew, and then I left. He told me once that he watched me until he couldn't see me anymore, so I always walked fast and never looked back. One day when I took Brendan back after lunch, he spied a friend, kissed me goodbye and scampered right off. I went, feeling pleased for him, celebrating his new independence, his entry into the first-grade social loop. And I felt pleased for myself, a sense of well-being and accomplishment that I, too, had entered a mystic circle of parents whose children separated easily.

Then — I don't know why — I glanced back. And there he was. The playground buzzed all around him, kids

everywhere, and he stood, his chin tucked close, his body held small, his face intent but not sad, blowing me kisses. So brave, so unashamed, so completely loving, Brendan was watching me go.

No book on mothering could have prepared me for that quick, raw glimpse into my child's soul. My mind leaped 15 years ahead to him packing boxes and his dog grown old, and him saying: "Dry up, Mom. It's not like I'm leaving the country." In my mind, I tore up the card every mother signs saying she'll let her child go when he's ready. I looked at Brendan, his shirt tucked in a bit, and I thought, OK, you're 6 for me forever. Just try to grow up; I dare you. With a smile I had to really dig for, I blew him a kiss, turned and walked away.

(See HEALTH, page six)

Dear Diane...
Unpleasant odors

DEAR DIANE:

Recently, my husband and I had some friends come to stay with us. These are people we consider close friends, even though we live in different cities.

Anyway, we noticed something unpleasant about them this time, and I'm not sure what to do. They stayed for three days, and neither of them bathed once while they were here — and, to put it bluntly, they had B.O.

So my question is, should I say something to them about it? It's very unpleasant for my husband and me to do much of anything with them. They're the type of people we can be blunt with, but I don't know if that would be too rude.

What's your opinion?

— TEAR-GASSED
IN TULSA

DEAR GASSED:

First, let's assume that there's nothing wrong with your home that would prevent your friends from bathing. Do you have two bathrooms? If not, then there are four people trying to share one bathroom, and perhaps by the time it's your friends' turn to take a shower, there's no hot water.

Is the bathroom clean and stocked with extra toiletries (shampoo, soap) for your guests? If not, maybe your friends are skittish about using your stuff.

If all of the above check out fine and you are capable of providing acceptable bathroom facilities, then the problem lies with your friends and their habits.

The best way to get your friends to bathe is to engage in a physical activity (like a game of tennis) and when you're finished and get home, say, "Whew! Am I all funky! OK, me and (your girlfriend's name) will take the guest shower, and you guys can use the bathroom in the master bedroom."

Then suggest that each of your friends go first. They are, after all, guests.

Dementia symptoms
are easy to spot

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

Could you please tell me how to test for dementia? I am 76 years old, and other than having emphysema from smoking, I consider myself in good physical and mental condition.

I applied for a health supplement policy but was refused due to my "medical condition."

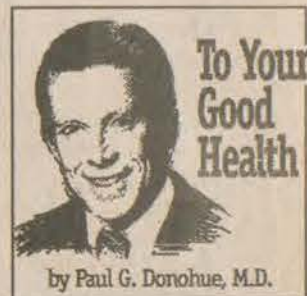
The insurance company said that my physician's report stated that I had "ongoing chronic obstructive pulmonary disease" and, to my total amazement, dementia. How are these illnesses diagnosed? — R.L.

ANSWER:

"Dementia" is a word that encompasses a large number of illnesses. Its hallmark symptoms are impaired memory, disruption of coherent thinking, an inability to retain new information, confusion about the date and surroundings, and a lack of competence to handle simple tasks like making change.

Many quick and easy tests detect dementia. One is the Mini-Mental State Examination, which a doctor can administer in the office. It tests memory, familiarity with surroundings, and the interpretation of aphorisms such as "A rolling stone gathers no moss."

The seriousness of emphysema can be quantified by pulmonary function tests — breathing tests that can also be done in the doctor's office. Once emphysema is here, it's



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Books: "Sold to the Highest Bidder"

Sold to the Highest Bidder
By Daniel M. Friedenberg
(Prometheus Books, \$29)
Reviewed by Al Krulick

The title of Daniel M. Friedenberg's terrific new book about politics and the presidency, "Sold to the Highest Bidder," is somewhat misleading.

Although the former journalist does indeed "follow the money" in explaining how rich corporations and well-connected

families and friends have helped propel our past 10 presidents into the most powerful office in the land, his erudite commentary covers a much broader swatch of ground.

From Eisenhower to George W. Bush, Friedenberg first recounts the presidential election battles of the past 50 years, and then carefully dissects the strengths and weaknesses of every winner of the Oval Office in a fair, concise and nonpartisan

manner. His critical examinations bring to the fore both the flawed personalities, as well as the bold ideas, that each succeeding president has brought with him on the path to leadership of the Free World.

Along the way, of course, he also points out how modern presidential politics has fallen prey to the corruption of big money and the agendas of the country's wealthy minority. In his final chapters, Friedenberg offers a

compendium of fixes for an electoral system horribly out of whack and warns us that if we don't act soon, democracy — as we think we know it — will be trampled into the dust by the forces of privilege and greed.

"Sold to the Highest Bidder" is both an entertaining and enlightening look at our contemporary political system and how America stands on the brink of losing the very freedoms that made us a great nation.

Sam & Dave explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

I'm 20 years old and have been dating "Edward" for three years. We've been talking about getting married, and I'm really excited about it. I know I want to be with him forever. We don't have a lot of money, but I think we'll do OK. The problem is the engagement ring. I feel like if a guy is really serious about making a commitment, he should buy a nice diamond ring for his fiancée. Edward has two jobs, but he doesn't think he can afford the one I want. I think he's just being cheap — after all, I'm going to be his wife. What do you think?

— RINGLESS IN ROANOKE

Love isn't in an expensive ring

SAM SAYS:

I think Edward sounds like a hard worker who has a pretty good idea of what it takes to be fiscally responsible. I hate to be the one to break it to you, but a big ring isn't part of a good financial plan for you right now. I agree with you that getting married is a major commitment, but it's a commitment to care for and support one another, not necessarily cater to each other's whims.

Virtually every girl dreams of having a big rock for an engagement ring, and that's fine if her fiancé can afford it. But when money is tight, you have to look at what the ring will cost not in terms of money, but in terms of what that money could do for you as a couple just starting out. That much cash could be put toward a down payment on a house and help you achieve the American dream of home ownership. It could be put into a retirement account — with the miracle

of compound interest, it would become a tidy nest egg by the time you turned 65.

And if Edward doesn't have the money to buy the ring outright, he'll have to finance it, and with interest charges he'll be chained to that debt for years. Believe me, that's no way to start out a marriage. I advise picking out a ring with a smaller stone, maybe not even a diamond — other gemstones are gaining in popularity these days as engagement rings. Later, when you're both more financially stable, he can always get you an anniversary ring to wear with your wedding and/or engagement rings.

DAVE SAYS:

Sam is absolutely right. Everything she says goes for me too.

That said, my question to you is, what kind of engagement ring are you planning to buy Edward?

Why is it that when two people pledge their commitment to each other to get married, it's

always the guy who has to bust hump — usually by taking a second job — to buy an expensive ring for the woman? All she's going to do is take it to work and show it off to all the other women at her job.

Is this how you gauge Edward's love for you — by what he can buy you? You say "I'm going to be his wife" — as if this marriage isn't about love or sharing a life together, but a business transaction. Are you a woman in love with her soulmate, or a prostitute haggling over the price?

If you truly love this man, no matter what he offers you as a token of his commitment to your relationship, you should be happy to have it — and proud to show it off.

Send letters to Sam & Dave in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Or e-mail them at asksamanddave@mindspring.com.

Everybody into the pool!

Putting some variety into exercise is one of the best ways to avoid getting trapped in a fitness slump. The summer months are a good time to try something new.

If you have a pool or access to one, a fun and beneficial workout can be gained from water or aquatic exercise. Aquatic exercise can increase cardiovascular endurance as well as improve strength and flexibility. You will see results in improved circulation and weight control. And it's a great non-impact form of exercise if you're trying to prevent or rehabilitate injuries.

When you're in the water, there's almost no gravity; the body is buoyant and relieved of approximately 90 percent of its weight. This allows you to easily float. And with 12 percent to 14 percent more resistance than if you were moving through the air, the water makes your body work through every movement and in almost every direction.

Here are a few aquatic exercises to consider:

■ Swimming laps can be a great source of cardiovascular exercise. Continuous lap swimming for 30 minutes can burn calories, and by increasing the intensity of each lap, you can increase muscle endurance and strength.

■ Water walking or jogging is great for the person who cannot swim or is not a strong swimmer. Walking or jogging in the shallow end of the pool can provide great resistance to your muscles, improving muscular and cardiovascular endurance. Increase your



intensity by jogging with your knees high and with a strong arm swing.

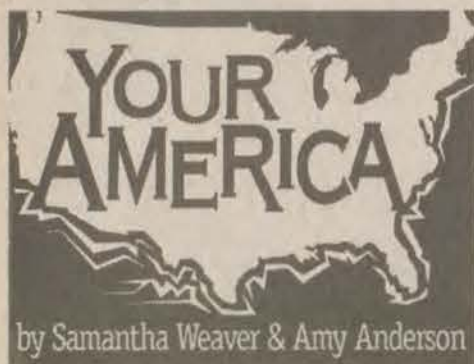
■ Head for the deep end of the pool with an aqua belt, which allows you to float without having to tread water. Jogging, leg scissors and large, full-body movements are not only fun but a great challenging workout.

■ Take a water fitness class, which provides a great source of motivation, fun and sweat. (P.S. It's not just for seniors!)

One note of caution: Be sure to drink plenty of water before and after exercising in the water. Being in the water may prevent you from knowing that you've been sweating.

Water exercise might be just the change you've needed to offer you new challenges and incentives to exercise. Plus, during the sizzling summer months it's a great way to get fit while keeping cool. So jump in!

If you have a fitness or training question, e-mail Andrea at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Always consult a physician before starting an exercise program.



August Festivals

Elephant Garlic Festival, North Plains, Ore.

From Aug. 16 to 18, the town of North Plains will need a lot of breath mints. You can celebrate garlic in ways unimaginable: garlic ice cream, garlic beer, garlic lemonade, garlic lattes and garlic wine. And if you have a physical similarity to the bulbous herb, you could have a shot at being Elephant Garlic Emperor or Empress. Live entertainment and kids' activities abound. Call (888) 771-3708 for more information.

Santa Fe Thirsty Ear Festival, Santa Fe, N.M.

In the beautiful setting of Santa Fe's J.W. Eaves Movie Ranch, you'll find a collection of the finest rockers of all musical varieties. From Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, the Thirsty Ear Magazine and foundation brings together powerful hitters in blues, grassroots rock, country and songwriting — not to mention

the barbecue and microbrews. Call (816) 274-8444 or log on to www.thirstyearfestival.com for more information.

Great New England Airshow, Chicopee, Mass.

The largest reserve air base in the United States hosts this Aug. 12 to 13 event. It features warbirds and dogfighters, with thoughtful and informative displays that make it a hit for the whole family. Log on to www.afrc.af.mil/units/439aw/airshow or call (413) 557-3500 for details.

Sturgis Rally, Sturgis, S.D.

The events at the annual Sturgis Rally are legendary for die-hard bikers to weekend warriors. But you don't have to OWN a motorcycle to go and enjoy the events from Aug. 5-11. You'll find races, stunts, concerts, bike shows and bike markets — and lots of showoffs. For a schedule of events, go to www.rallyinfo.com or www.sturgishd.com.

August may be a month without a holiday, but it isn't lacking in festivals. Take a look at what's in store:

O-Bon Festival, Delray Beach, Fla.

The Japanese tradition of Obon comes alive Aug. 17 at the Morikami Museum in Delray Beach. The Obon is a traditional festival that honors ancestors and the impact our forebearers' lives have had on ours. With drum performances, ghost stories, a street fair and a fireworks display, this festival is sure to please. The lighted Morikami Pond (to guide you ancestors to you for a short visit) is just gorgeous. Visit www.morikami.com or call (561) 495-0233 for details.

Dolly Parton once lost a Dolly Parton look-alike contest

■ Dolly Parton once lost a Dolly Parton look-alike contest.

■ Three out of five Americans say they would rather win the lottery than win an Oscar, a Grammy or the Nobel Peace Prize.

■ Butterflies taste with their feet.

■ The average major league baseball has a life span of seven pitches.

■ When you see the name "Alan Smithee" in a film's credits, it means that the real director didn't want his name in the credits. It's a code pseudonym.

■ What do the colors orange, silver and purple have in common? They don't rhyme with anything. Go on, try.

■ The Pledge of Allegiance was written by a Socialist. As part of a scheme to sell

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American flags to schools. The company for which he worked published a youth magazine — and sold flags.

■ Do you like subtle cinematic jokes? How about the fact that the letters H, A and L — as in "Hal," the creepy computer from "2001: A Space Odyssey" — precede the letters I, B and M — as in the computer-making corporation.

■ Robert Birchfield, editor of the Oxford English Dictionary (reputed to be the last word in English dictionaries), has stated that

American English and British English are drifting apart so rapidly that within 200 years citizens of the two nations won't be able to understand each other at all.

■ Sequoia may be the shortest word that includes all of the vowels (aside from "y," which is only an occasional vowel, anyway).

■ Ever see the movie "Indecent Proposal"? Well, the same question — would you lend your spouse for \$1 million — was asked of a random sampling of Americans. Ten percent say they would, while 16 percent would think about it. Two-thirds of husbands and wives would never even consider it.

Thought for the Day:

"It is no wonder that people are so horrible when they start life as children." — Kingsley Amis

INFOLINK

Dot-commers eat a little cow

Ever hear of "Sudden Wealth Syndrome"? According to the Money, Meaning and Choices Institute, it's when a person who is not used to wealth suddenly comes into it and doesn't quite know how to deal with it. Either it's inherited, won via the lottery or "earned" off the Internet in the late '90s.

Symptoms include a marked increase in anxiety or panic attacks, money-related ruminations, recurrent or persistent thoughts, impulses and images that are experienced as intrusive and inappropriate.

It's what happened to a lot of dot-commers who made their

millions overnight. Apparently, they really suffered a lot from their overnight success.

Where MMC is coming from — and many of you will certainly appreciate this — is that there's more to life than a bank balance. That may sound clichéd, but true. The neurotic focus that many dot-commers had on money is what made them capable of making it, but what also made them ill-suited to having it.

Being a fan of the '70s British comedy show "Monty Python's Flying Circus," I couldn't help but wonder if MMC was having me on. The Monty Python skit

that pops into my head chronicles the plights of the miserable few who, through no fault of their own, had wealth thrust upon them. "Ordinary people just don't know the pressures of being obscenely rich," broods an upper-class twit.

The silver lining in all of this is what MMC calls "sudden monetary loss." That's what the former dot-com millionaires are experiencing following the meltdown of their pseudo-portfolios.

Sudden monetary loss is not a "syndrome" mind you, because it happens to everybody. Only things that happen to fluffy, self-absorbed offspring of fluffy

baby-boomers are coined as syndromes.

Funny thing is, I have a hard time feeling sympathy just because the hacks who suffered when they made their first million off the Internet are now suffering because they're having a little trouble making payments on their Lexuses.

To top that off, it's amazing that what we Americans view as enlightened psychological observations today, the British viewed as satire in the '70s.

You can read about sudden wealth syndrome at www.mmcinstitute.com. Just try not to laugh.

Recipe

Mix well to combine. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Gently stir again just before serving. Makes 8 (1/2 cup) servings.

■ Each serving equals: 36 Calories, 0 gm Fat, 1 g

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Protein, 8 g Carb., 301 mg Sodium, 1 g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Vegetable.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com

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The observation deck

No person who is not a great sculptor or painter can be an architect. If he is not a sculptor or painter, he can only be a builder.

John Ruskin, 1819-1900

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Health

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here to stay. But many have a small degree of emphysema and suffer no impairment to their activity or their lives.

Your letter was written with greater clarity than my response. I can't spot even traces of dementia. Ask the doctor (or another doctor) to test you so you can reapply to the insurance company.

Alzheimer's disease is the No. 1 cause of dementia. It's a cruel illness that disrupts a person's life. The Alzheimer's report enumerates its symptoms and tells how people can cope with them — both patients and their families. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 47W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 and the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

much healthier than regular milk? I need to get calcium, but I cannot stand the taste of skim milk. — K.V.

ANSWER:

As far as calcium content goes, skim milk does not have much of an advantage over whole milk.

As far as fat content goes, skim milk comes out a champion. Fifty percent of whole milk's calories come from fat. Less than 5 percent of skim milk calories come from fat. That's the major health advantage for skim milk.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE:
Is skim milk really that



"Maybe something a little less potent."

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KFC marks 50th anniversary of first franchiseby **BRUCE SCHREINER**
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LOUISVILLE - Pete Harman was building a successful burger business in Utah when a white-haired, goateed acquaintance from Kentucky

showed up unexpectedly and offered to cook a fried chicken dinner.

Colonel Harland Sanders had a business proposition. He was certain that one helping of his specialty, coated with a blend of 11 herbs and spices,

would persuade Harman to add chicken to his menu.

Harman was hooked after a few bites. Soon, his restaurant was promoting the dish, called Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The chicken became an instant hit in that August of

1952 as customers lined up outside the Salt Lake City eatery to take home dinners by the bucketful. For \$3.50, they got 14 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, rolls and gravy.

"We couldn't cook the chicken fast enough," Harman

said.

From humble beginnings, Kentucky Fried Chicken became a fast-food staple and its originator one of the world's most recognizable faces.

Fifty years later, the chain built on Sanders' salesmanship

and homestyle cooking boasts nearly 12,000 restaurants worldwide generating sales of nearly \$10 billion a year.

"It's really one of the great American entrepreneurial sto

(See **KFC**, page four)**Medicare
AND YOU**

Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

Q Does Medicare help pay for durable medical equipment?

A Yes. Medicare Part B can help pay for durable medical equipment that meets the following requirements:

- Can withstand repeated use
- Is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose
- Is generally not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury
- Is appropriate for use in the home

Q Does my doctor have to order the equipment?

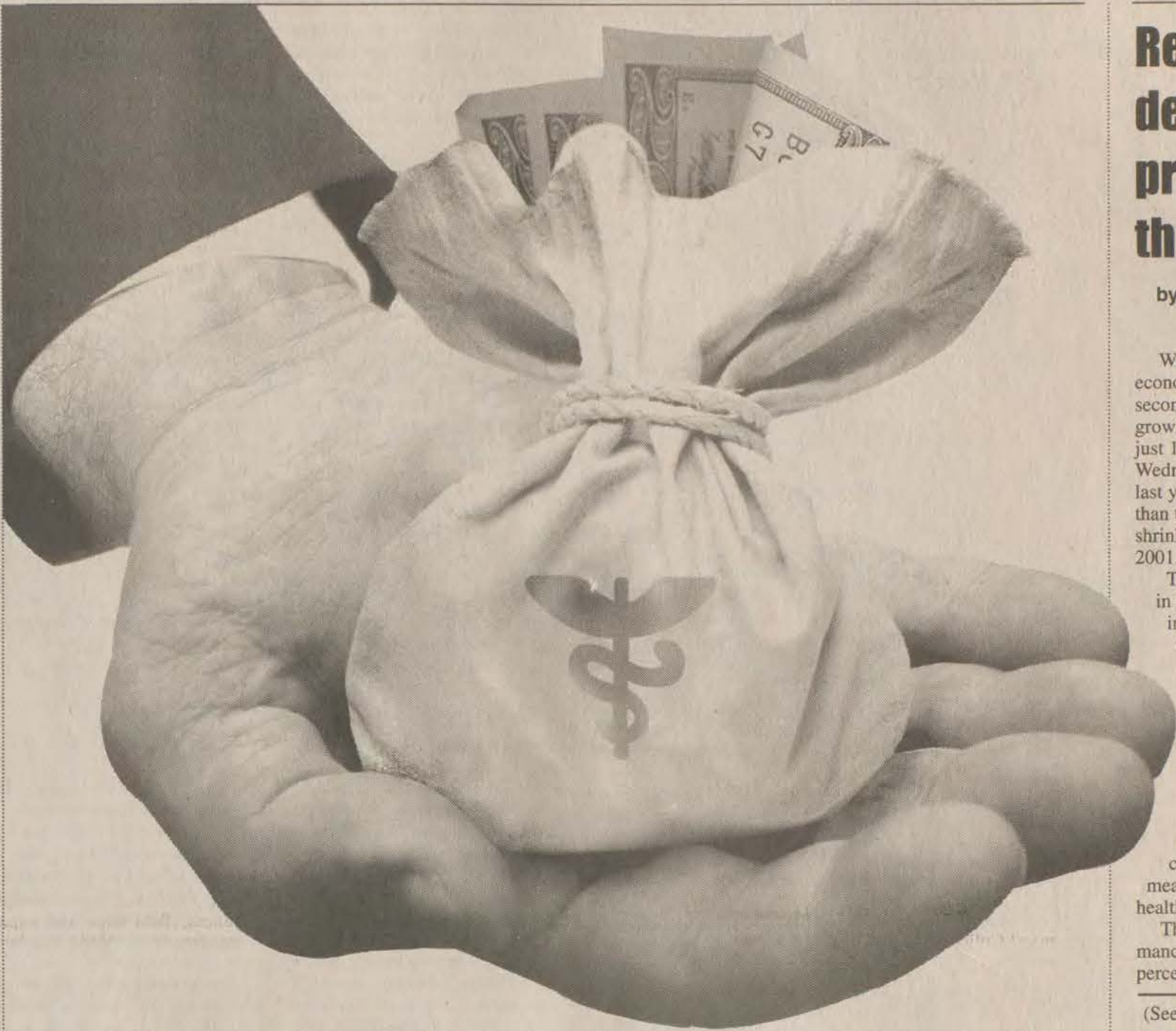
A Yes, your doctor must prescribe the equipment for you. For some items Medicare will only help pay if your doctor completes a Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN). Some items that require a CMN include air-fluidized beds, hospital beds, oxygen, scooters, wheelchairs, continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) devices, external infusion pumps, lymphedema pumps, osteogenesis stimulators, parenteral and enteral nutrition, seat lift mechanisms, and transcutaneous electronic nerve stimulators.

Q What is the rental or purchase option for durable medical equipment?

A Medicare approves some durable medical equipment items for purchase and others for rental. Your supplier (where you get the equipment) will know whether Medicare requires purchase or rental for your items. If you purchase and item covered by Medicare, you may also be entitled to repairs and replacement parts. You may keep rental items for as long as they are medically needed. Any repairs or replacement parts for rental items are the responsibility of the supplier. The suppliers will pick up the equipment when you no longer need it.

Medicare requires that you rent certain types of medical equipment and places a limit on the number of rental payments. This is called "capped" rental. After the item has been rented for nine consecutive months Medicare requires the supplier to offer you a purchase option.

More answers to your questions about rental and purchase option in next week's column!

**Co-pay, or you pay?**

Firms hope worker-directed health plans will curb rising costs

by **BILL BRUBAKER**
THE WASHINGTON POST

“We shop around for a car, for a house, for anything else,” Love said. “But when it comes to health care, are we going to shop for the best price for a reconstructive surgery? Probably not.”

The way some American employers see it, the past two decades of managed health care have not been about limiting employees' choice of doctors, promoting cheaper generic drugs over name-brand medications and forcing patients to jump through hoops to see specialists.

Instead, they say, the managed-care system has trained employees to become a bit complacent — even frivolous — about their health-care habits.

Insurance broker John Love couldn't agree more.

Emboldened by their alphabet soup of insurance plans (HMO, PPO, POS), patients march into doctors' offices with nary a thought given to cost, says Love, a vice president at Leesburg, Va.-based AH&T Technology Brokers Inc., which sells health-insurance plans to more than 500 employers.

Why worry about price, after all, when a comprehensive physical exam can be yours for a \$10 co-payment?

“We shop around for a car, for

a house, for anything else,” Love said. “But when it comes to health care, are we going to shop for the best price for a reconstructive surgery? Probably not.”

But, his thinking goes, if consumers had to pay for doctor visits and prescription drugs and hospital procedures with their own money, things might be different.

And, in fact, things are on the verge of becoming very different.

With health-care costs rising steadily, and premiums jumping 15 percent or more a year, employers such as CVS Corp., Novartis Inc. and Budget Rent a Car Corp. have rolled out consumer-directed plans, hoping to rein in their workers' health-care spending.

“This may wind up being the biggest trend since HMOs,” Love said.

The new plans revolve around health-spending accounts offered by employers to their workers.

There are variations on these plans but, in general, employers allocate workers an annual “allowance” — for example, \$2,500 for a family — to spend on medical

(See **PAY**, page four)**Recession
deeper than
previously
thought**by **JEANNINE AVERSA**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - The U.S. economy lost momentum in the second quarter of this year, growing at an annual rate of just 1.1 percent. New figures Wednesday also showed that last year's recession was worse than thought, with the economy shrinking in three quarters of 2001.

The gross domestic product in the April-June quarter was in sharp contrast to a revised 5 percent growth rate turned in during the first three months of the year, the Commerce Department reported.

GDP measures the total value of goods and services produced within the United States and is considered the broadest measure of the economy's health.

The second-quarter performance was weaker than the 2.2 percent growth rate that many

(See **RECESSION**, page four)**It's Your
Money**by **JONATHAN MILLER**
KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER

One of my favorite proverbs instructs us that any mule can kick down a barn, but it takes a carpenter to build one.

This proverb was on my mind last month when I found myself in the middle of a constitutional dilemma.

As the new fiscal year approached without a budget because of the legislative impasse, parts of the Kentucky constitution came into conflict. While two constitutional sections provide the Governor with the powers and the duty to run state government in the absence of a budget, another section prohibits the Treasurer from withdrawing or spending funds from the State Treasury without a legislative appropriation.

I could have taken the “mule” approach. That would have meant ignoring the Governor's powers and just knocking down the barn, leaving state government in a heap of rubble, by refusing to sign any checks until the legislature resolved the matter.

I did not choose this path. I do not think that the State Treasurer should have the ability to bring state government to a halt. More importantly, the ramifications of my precipitating a government shutdown could be extremely harmful to the Commonwealth both in the short term (state police officers

came into conflict. While two constitutional sections provide the Governor with the powers and the duty to run state government in the absence of a budget, another section prohibits the Treasurer from withdrawing or spending funds from the State Treasury without a legislative appropriation.

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Johnathan Miller

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expenses. Employees can draw from this account to pay for the usual office visits, diagnostic tests and prescriptions. But they can also use this money to buy services not covered under traditional managed-care plans, such as laser eye surgery. The plans retain the earmark of traditional systems that offer discounted rates for services provided in a network of doctors and hospitals. Once employees spend the money in their accounts, they typically must dig into their own pockets until they meet an annual deductible, ranging from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars, before a traditional plan kicks in. A premium is deducted from employees' paychecks to help fund the coverage. Any allowance money left over can be rolled over to the next year, allowing healthy workers to build, in effect, a personal health-care bank account on which they

can draw at will. In a way, choosing such a plan is a worker's bet on staying healthy. Employers, in turn, hope the deductible will discourage employees from using up their allowance by rushing off to the emergency room with every sprained ankle. In the end, employers hope their own health expenses will be cut, although, experts say, it's far too early to say if that will happen. "The goal is: If employees think it's their own money they are spending, they are not going to spend it as much," said Paul Fronstin, an analyst with the Employee Benefit Research Institute. For these plans to really take off, employees will have to change the way they think about health-care spending, experts agree. "Our main goal is getting people to understand that health care costs more than they think," said

Jan Cohen, the top benefits executive of Budget Group Inc., the parent company of the car rental firm. About 625 of Budget's 5,300 U.S. employees signed up last fall for a consumer-directed plan. "We are already seeing a change in employee behavior," Cohen said. "One employee I know looked at the cost of his prescriptions and said, 'My gosh, I didn't know it cost this! The next time I go to the doctor, I'm going to ask if there are any generics.' Suddenly he has a stake in the cost of his health care." Russ Dickhart, who heads the mid-Atlantic region sales force for insurance giant Aetna Inc., said these plans encourage employees to evaluate whether they really need the medical care they are seeking. Employees are aided by Internet health tools and telephone advice lines. "An employee may decide that because this is going to come out of their fund, perhaps they ought

to not make that visit" to the doctor's office, Dickhart said. "Maybe the visit takes place at a later time. "Or they may use other tools that are available first. They may call a nurse health line to discuss the situation first. Or look up information and research it before they actually go in for a visit. Or maybe they try to make a phone call to the physician first, rather than just go in." Aetna rolled out its consumer-directed product, known as HealthFund, to its own 32,000 employees in January. The company declined to say how many workers chose this option. Only a handful of large U.S. employers are offering consumer-directed plans this year. But dozens more, including Toys R Us Inc. and Levi Strauss & Co., will add them to their employee benefit menus in 2003, more than doubling the number of U.S. workers (estimated to be fewer than 100,000) who are covered this year. The plans are being pitched to employers by Aetna and other mainstream insurers such as Humana and United Healthcare and by start-ups such as Minneapolis-based Definity Health and Lumenos in Alexandria, Va. Some experts question whether it's a good idea for employees to direct their own health care. "My real concern is: There are going to be winners and losers," said Gail Shearer, health policy analyst in the Washington office of Consumers Union. "The winners are people who are healthy and will always be healthy," said Shearer. "The losers are the people who have chronic conditions who spend that \$1,000 in their spending account. They can't build up this savings account for the rainy day when illness hits.

Their rainy day has already come and they are facing continuous, high health-care bills." Other experts worry that employees may forgo needed medical care once the money in their accounts has been spent. "Let's say someone has exhausted their account and they are thinking about a therapeutic service," said Bruce Kelley, a senior executive for Watson Wyatt Worldwide, a benefits consulting firm. "The fact that they would have to pay out of pocket might discourage them." Executives in the health insurance industry, including some who are selling these plans, caution that many employees may not be ready to manage their own medical expenses. William McGuire, chairman of United Healthcare Group, said many workers are not "armed with enough information" to decide whether these plans are the right choice. "Employers are shifting more cost to the employees," he said in an interview last week. "We are telling (employers) to be careful, very careful." Claudia Shainman, 45, manages the government relations office in Washington for the Swiss drug manufacturer Novartis. Last year she found herself quite annoyed with the health insurance plan she had chosen. The plan, one of several offered to Novartis employees and retirees, required her to get approval from her primary doctor each time she wanted to visit a specialist. This year, Shainman switched to a new Novartis offering — the health savings plan from Lumenos. Novartis, which owns a piece of Lumenos, began offering the employee-directed plan to its 16,000 U.S. employees this year

and its 10,000 U.S. retirees last year. All told, about 2,500 have signed up, said Bill Flannery, Novartis' director of compensation and benefits. Novartis saved \$45 a month last year for each retiree who chose this plan over a more traditional one, he said. As a single employee, Shainman has been paying a \$46-a-month premium this year, and Novartis has deposited \$1,125 into her health savings account. So far this year, Lumenos has deducted \$360 from the account for three doctor visits. That means she has \$765 left to spend this year before a \$375 deductible — Lumenos calls it a "bridge" — kicks in. After the deductible is met, the plan pays 100 percent of the cost of visits to in-network providers and 70 percent of other providers' bills. "I went from the most cumbersome plan last year to something that's costing me a little bit more per month but has almost no restrictions to it," Shainman said. "Now I have a freedom of choice I didn't have before." Most large employers will likely keep traditional plans such as health-maintenance organizations (HMOs) and preferred-provider organizations (PPOs) on their health-benefits menus, experts say. Some small employers have begun to offer consumer-directed plans as their only option. "With only 10 employees, it's a little difficult to have a lot of options," said Susan Tinucci, co-owner of CF Clark & Associates, a manufacturer's representative in suburban Chicago. For now, most employers will remain on the sidelines as consumer-directed plans take their first steps into the health insurance marketplace.

KFC

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ries," said John Y. Brown Jr., who took the company's reins from the colonel. For Sanders, success was a long time coming. He drifted from job to job, including stints as a railroad fireman, insurance salesman, steamboat ferry operator, tire salesman and service station operator. He perfected his chicken and the cooking technique in the late 1930s while serving hungry customers who stopped at his service station — now a historic landmark in Corbin, Ky. Sanders decided to take his chicken from a handful of local restaurants to a national stage at the age of 62, a time when most people are thinking of retiring. He crisscrossed the country by car, his cookware and herbs and spices in the back, to whip up batches of chicken for restaurateurs and their employees. The demonstrations sealed many handshake deals in which restaurant operators agreed to pay Sanders a nickel for each chicken sold. "He was just a super salesman," Harman said in a telephone interview. By 1964, Sanders had signed up more than 600 franchised outlets when he sold the company for \$2 million to a group headed by Jack Massey and Brown, who later became governor of Kentucky. Kentucky Fried Chicken took flight under Brown and his partners. By 1971, when they sold the company for \$285 million to

Heublein Inc., it had more than 3,500 franchised and company-owned restaurants. Brown attributed the company's success to its emphasis on take-home dinners that resembled the kind mother made, a revolutionary concept in the restaurant industry. "It was so exciting," Brown said. "You could just feel the electricity in the air. His chicken was so good, you couldn't mess it up." The company also capitalized on Sanders' popularity. The colonel always looked the part of the Southern gentleman, wearing his trademark white suit and black string tie while pitching chicken or dishing out homespun wisdom on television shows. Sanders stayed on as company spokesman, promoting the chicken in folksy television commercials, until his death in 1980 at the age of 90. KFC changed hands a few more times. It became a subsidiary of R.J. Reynolds Industries — later RJR Nabisco — when Heublein sold it in 1982. PepsiCo acquired KFC from RJR Nabisco in 1986 for about \$840 million. In 1997, PepsiCo's three fast-food restaurant chains — KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut — spun off to form Tricon Global Restaurants Inc. This year, Louisville-based Tricon changed its name to Yum! Brands Inc. As the company's first franchisee, Harman and his wife, Arline, became privy to the

colonel's secret blend of herbs and spices, an enduring culinary secret that gave the brand a mystique. The recipe itself is locked in a vault at KFC headquarters. Only a handful of people know the ingredients and are sworn to secrecy. As for the company's enduring success, Harman said "the most important thing was the recipe and the product." Harman, now in his 80s, and his wife own 307 KFC stores in Utah, Colorado, Washington state and California. "We put a lot of effort into anything we did," Harman said. "Some of the things worked. We've done pretty good all along." Cheryl Bachelder, KFC's president and chief concept officer, is a onetime pizza executive who arrived at KFC about 18 months ago. She said Sanders' legacy remains a chief motivator. "I love the high standards the colonel set for us," she said. "I think it's the reason we will excel for a long, long time." What Sanders handed down was an "incredibly tasty, almost addictive" product that is the basis of KFC's staying power, Brown said. "The concept is so strong," Brown said. "It's endured almost every kind of change that can be thrown at a company and they are still surviving and will continue to grow and get bigger and better."

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analysts had forecast. It marked the most sluggish growth since the third quarter of 2001, when the economy was still mired in a slump. On Wall Street, the news pushed stocks lower. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 132 points in morning trading. Annual revisions to GDP showed that the economy last year was in a more fragile state than earlier estimates showed. For all of 2001, the GDP grew by only 0.3 percent, versus a still-below par 1.2 percent. And, GDP contracted in three straight quarters last year, rather than just one. The government's new figures show the economy shrank at a 0.6 percent rate in the first quarter, at a 1.6 percent rate in the second and at a 0.3 percent rate in the third quarter, which under earlier estimates had been the only quarter of negative GDP during the slump. Weaker spending by consumers and bigger cuts by business in investment were the major reasons behind the first and second quarters reversals. Deep cuts in business investment were a key reason why the economy slid into recession. The fourth quarter of 2001 turned out to be stronger than previously thought, with GDP growing at a 2.7 percent rate, representing an upward revision of a full percentage point. Based on the revised GDP data, the drop in economic output during the recession was 0.6 percent. That's twice as big as previously thought, but would still match the mildest recession on record, the 1969-1970 slump, when GDP also fell by 0.6 percent. With three quarters now showing declining GDP, versus one, that puts last year's recession more in line with one rough rule of thumb for a downturn — at least two consecutive negative quarters of negative GDP. The National Bureau of Economic Research, the recognized arbiter of when recessions begin and end, said that the economy fell into a full-blown downturn in March 2001. It hasn't declared when it ended, though some economists believe that will turn out to be January or February of this year. NBER uses several monthly statistics to pinpoint the economy's exact turning points. The annual revisions also showed the economy grew by 3.8 percent for all of 2000 — down from a previous estimate of 4.1 percent — reflecting weaker growth in the second half of that year. With the recovery losing

momentum from the beginning of this year, the Federal Reserve has opted to leave interest rates at 40-year lows at each of its four meetings this year. Many economists believe the Fed will hold rates steady at its next meeting on Aug. 13 and possibly for the rest of the year. The economy's struggles pose a challenge for President Bush, who has stressed that the economy's fundamentals are sound. He has expressed confidence that economy will overcome current difficulties, including a stock market slide and eroding consumer and investor confidence from a wave of accounting scandals. "The president does still believe that there's strength in the underlying indicators in the economy," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said of the latest figures. "We do support additional growth continuing and growing later into the year and into the future." The slowdown in second-quarter GDP partly reflected more cautious consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States. Consumer spending in the second quarter rose at a rate of 1.9 percent, the slowest pace since the third quarter of 2001, and down from a 3.1 percent growth rate in the first quarter of this year.

Consumers spent more on durable goods in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter, but trimmed spending on nondurables such as food and clothes. A pullback in spending by state and local governments and less brisk spending by the federal government on national defense also contributed to slower second-quarter growth. Investment by business showed some improvements in the second quarter. Companies cut back spending on new plants and other buildings at a rate of 14 percent, slightly less than the 14.2 percent rate of decline in the previous quarter. Investment in new equipment and software rose for the first time in roughly two years, growing at a rate of 2.9 percent in the second quarter and raising hopes of a sustained capital spending turnaround. Businesses rebuilding lean inventories added 1.15 percentage points to second-quarter GDP. That was less of a boost than the 2.60 percentage points added to first-quarter economic growth. Another factor contributing to the second-quarter slowdown was the U.S. trade deficit, which subtracted 1.77 percentage points from GDP, compared with a 0.75-percentage-point reduction to first quarter GDP.

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and prison guards would not receive paychecks) and in the long term (the public's confidence in state government likely would erode even further). My approach, instead, was to file a declaratory judgment action, asking the Franklin Circuit Court to confirm that I may continue to fulfill my responsibilities and avoid disruption of state services. In the meantime, I will sign every check presented to me in furtherance of the Governor's Executive Order and spending plan, unless I am ordered to do otherwise by the courts of the Commonwealth. In the coming weeks, my office will issue hundreds of thousands of checks to pay for vital services, such as child support, health insurance for needy children, tax refunds and benefits for retired teachers and police officers. My action last month aimed to protect these and other public services and to promote continued confidence in the administration of our state government. Further, it prevents my office from being subjected, for months on end, to repeated and costly lawsuits on

separate items of the Governor's spending plan. While traveling throughout the state, I have encountered little interest in the shenanigans that have led to the current budget impasse. Callers to radio talk shows on which I have appeared have been far more interested in government programs such as Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition (KAPT). That's why posturing for political advantage is futile. The old adage holds true here, that the best form of good politics is good policy; ensuring that vital public services continue, without interruption. It is no small irony that as state government proceeds to grapple with its first constitutional crisis in recent memory, construction signs appear all over the grounds of our State Capitol. While we have no barn to rebuild, the public's confidence in our stewardship could use some restoration at this challenging time. With the very integrity and legitimacy of our system at stake, we must all be carpenters if we wish to restore public faith in state government.

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KCTCS students, faculty fare well in health skills events

LEXINGTON — Students who attend colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) won recognition recently in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) national skills contests.

HOSA is a student organization that promotes leadership,

skills application and critical thinking among students in health fields.

Nearly 5,000 delegates and advisors from 33 states and Puerto Rico participated in the conference, which was held in Anaheim, Calif. Some 240 delegates from Kentucky attended.

"KCTCS congratulates the

Kentucky students who earned national recognition at the HOSA conference," said Michael B. McCall, system president. "These honors validate the quality instruction that our colleges offer in health fields."

The following KCTCS students and faculty were recog-

nized:

OUTSTANDING POSTSECONDARY ADVISOR
 ■ Robyn Potter, Central Kentucky Technical College

CAREER HEALTH DISPLAY
 ■ Ninth place - Daisy Carter and Karen Cornett, Owensboro

TECHNICAL COLLEGE

■ 10th place - Sharon Coppersmith and Jennifer Taylor, Southeast Community College- Pineville Campus

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■ Seventh place - Patricia Anderson and Rhonda Gibson, Southeast Community College-

Pineville

EXTEMPORANEOUS WRITING

■ Third place - Darla Dunaway, Rowan Technical College

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Lean state revenues continue to up tuition

by ARLENE LEVINSON
AP NATIONAL WRITER

A second bad year for the economy is driving up tuition and fees on many public four-year campuses as state revenues decline while costs keep escalating.

"Last year, overall, wasn't pretty. This year is worse," said Travis Reindl, director of state policy analysis at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

"The situation's pretty much caught up with everybody. The effects of the economic slowdown are being fully felt."

At private schools, which rely on tuition, followed by private gifts and endowment income, a survey of some 225 schools found tuition and fees growing 5.8 percent on average this fall — up from last year's 5.5 percent increase, said Tony Pals of the National

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■ Olivia Gannon

Pikeville College student receives UK's prestigious Cralle fellowship

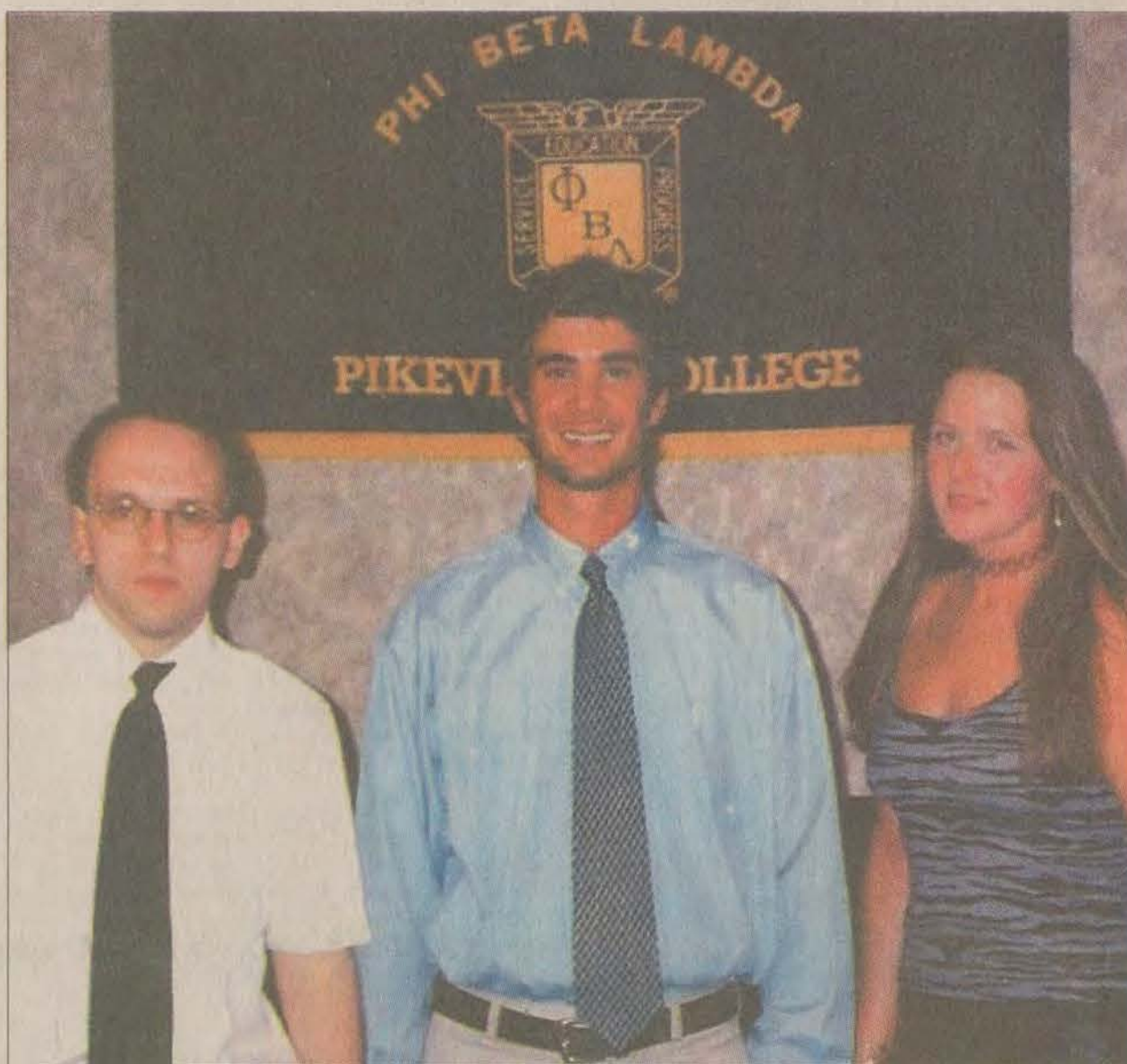
PIKEVILLE — Olivia Gannon, a graduate of Pikeville College's Class of 2002, has been awarded the University of Kentucky's Cralle Foundation/Joan Cralle Day Fellowship for the 2002-2003 academic year.

The awards, named to honor Joan Cralle Day, are endowed by a gift from the Cralle Foundation. The one-year \$15,000 fellowship is available for graduate or professional study in law, medicine or dentistry at the University of Kentucky and is awarded to an entering student who is a graduate of one of the 18 four-year independent colleges and universities in Kentucky affiliated with the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (AIKCU).

"We are delighted that Olivia was chosen as the first recipient of this prestigious scholarship to attend the University of Kentucky Dental School," said Dr. Wallace Campbell, vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of Pikeville College. "Her performance, involvement in College activities, and commitment to her

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PHI BETA LAMBDA



Jimmy White, Matthew Crisp, and Lois Rogers, all of Floyd County, were among the students representing Pikeville College's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda during the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville in April. PBL members from across Kentucky attend the conference and participated in workshops, academic competitions, and election of state officers. The Nu Tau chapter represented Pikeville College, garnering 13 awards in academic competition and a finalist for "Outstanding Local Advisor." Two chapter members ran for state office and were elected to the offices of treasurer and historian and one member was honored in Who's Who in PBL. Members who placed first or second in the academic competitions qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference, which included participants from all 50 states and the U.S. territories.

UofL growing nasal stem cells for research

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE - University of Louisville researchers are experimenting with stem cells taken from deep within the nose to find potential treatments for spinal-cord injuries and Parkinson's disease.

Researchers are testing stem cells removed from the nasal-cavity lining of adults. The nasal cavity contains cells that routinely produce new olfactory neurons and "divide throughout life, whether you're at 95 years or two years," principal investigator Fred J. Roisen said.

The extracted stem cells have reproduce themselves every 18 to 20 hours in two years and produced two types of cells, neurons and glia.

If the UofL team can stimulate the stem cells to produce more glia, the results could help damaged spinal-cord or other nerve cells repair themselves, Roisen said.

While using the cells in human patients is several years away, they could be useful to researchers and drug companies looking to test how new drugs affect nerve cells.

Psychiatric Genomics, a Maryland drug research firm, agreed to pay UofL up to \$250,000 for licensing rights to the cell lines and provided nearly \$80,000 in research money.

The National Institutes of Health provided most of the funding for the project, which shares an \$8.5 million spinal-research grant with four

other endeavors at the university.

The UofL project is the only one known to be using nasal stem cells from adults.

At first, researchers extracted cells from the olfactory lining of cadavers. In a small percentage of cases, they were able to locate the stem cells and get them to grow.

Next, researchers tried to harvest the nasal stem cells from living people. While most of those cases failed, in two of the 15 patients, the cells were found and grown.

The two instances plus the few successful cases with cadavers convinced researchers their approach has potential to treat diseases and

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MSU hopes to raise new crop of teachers

by DON BOWMAN
MSU STAFF WRITER

MOREHEAD — Encouraging high school students to become teachers is the goal of a bold new program beginning this fall in five East Kentucky school systems.

Morehead State University's Teacher Cadet program kicks off this month for nearly 100 high school juniors and seniors at Fleming County, Johnson Central, Mason County,

Montgomery County and West Carter high schools.

"For most students, one of the last careers they ever consider when they're in school is teaching," said Jill Ratliff, MSU's teacher recruitment coordinator. "Many people never think about the possibility until they've already taken other career paths. Our goal is to identify students with the potential to be great teachers and give them the opportunity to see what a valuable and rewarding career it can

be." Ratliff, a former teacher and principal in Menifee County, says Kentucky is facing a 25 percent loss in its teaching force by 2006, mainly due to a retiring workforce and a growing student population. She says the state will need at least 2,000 new teachers each year for the next five years, especially in the fields of special education, math, science and foreign language.

"We've been working on the Teacher Cadet program for about a

year now, hoping to find one school to be our pilot for this project," she said. "but the response was so positive that we decided to launch it in five schools across our service region."

Participating schools must commit at least one teacher as well as agree to transport the students to any schools and classrooms they observe during the course. MSU partners with the schools to provide the curriculum, training and

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■ Contessa Sheena Brock

Brock named to EKU's President's and Dean's Lists

Contessa Sheena Brock, the daughter of Lowell and Rita Brock of Prestonsburg, was recently named to Eastern Kentucky University's President's List and Dean's List for the 2002 spring semester.

Sheena was named to the President's and Dean's Lists for her attainment of a perfect grade point average. Sheena has maintained a perfect grade point average for each of the three years she has spent thus far at EKU.

Sheena will enroll in the upcoming 2002-2003 academic year as an EKU

(See **BROCK**, page two)

Hamilton attends space program

Krista Hamilton, a sixth grade science teacher at Allen Central Middle School, recently explored the frontiers of space by spending a portion of her summer participating in the Exploring Space: The Classroom Connection program offered by the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) and the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville in conjunction with NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. The program is supported in part by Eisenhower grants from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and the Alabama State Department of Education.

Participating teachers will receive three-semester hours of

(See **SPACE**, page two)

Enroll now at a KCTCS college to change your life

Prestonsburg, Ky. (July 31, 2002) - Students are encouraged to register soon for fall semester classes, which begin August 26 in the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District.

Technical College System, comprises Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College.

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vidual," stated George Edwards, President and CEO for the Big Sandy District. "Students are the reason we come to work each day. Each one is a special person."

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"KCTCS colleges offer the best value in postsecondary education in the Commonwealth," said Michael B. McCall, president of the System. "Our programs prepare students for success in the university, in the workplace, and in

life." Here are just a few of the reasons that prospective students of all ages should consider enrolling in a KCTCS college:

■ Transfer programs prepare students well for continuing their education at universities. The liberal arts/university transfer program provides the first two years of a college education at a great value. Also, KCTCS colleges are offering a growing number of transfer programs in occupational/technical fields.

■ KCTCS colleges teach programs that are relevant to the workplace, assisting students in preparing for every one of the 25 hottest jobs in America, as defined by Money magazine.

■ KCTCS colleges move rapidly to respond to the needs of employers and students. Our colleges offer more than 2,600 program options, including more than 600 approved in just the last four years.

■ Creative new programs are increasing options available to students. For example, the associate degree in occupational/technical studies allows a flexible format that gives credit for appropriate work experience.

■ Distance learning expands opportunities available to students. Last fall, more than 5,000 KCTCS students benefited from Internet-based or Internet-enhanced courses. KCTCS colleges now offer two totally on-line associate degree programs, with more under development.

■ The colleges of KCTCS operate in a seamless system that facilitates student success. Once students are registered at a home college, they are eligible to take courses offered by any KCTCS campus. In fall 2001, nearly 4,000 students took classes at more than one KCTCS campus.

■ KCTCS tuition and fees remain the least expensive of any Kentucky college or university, while quality remains high. About 80 percent of KCTCS students receive financial assistance to defray the cost of their education.

To learn more about how to enroll, contact Prestonsburg Community at 606-886-3863 or Mayo Technical College at 606-789-5321, or visit us on the web at www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu.

Tuition

Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

That's a "slight uptick," Pals said. "But certainly not anything like you're seeing on the public side."

The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, which represents the larger public institutions, posts a running tuition survey of its members on its Web site. Responses show hikes frequently of more than 5 percent for the upcoming academic year.

Using the Web survey as a guide, The Associated Press asked college officials around the country about in-state tuition and fees this fall.

The University of Colorado at Boulder is typical of public schools: it is raising tuition and fees 6 percent for in-state undergraduates, to \$3,566 from last year's \$3,357.

Other cases are more dramatic. ■ Texas A&M University tuition and fees will soar nearly 28 percent for incoming freshman and transfer students, to \$4,758 from last year's \$3,722. Returning students get a break in the form of a more modest increase, less than 4 percent, to \$3,858.

■ University of Kansas, up nearly 21 percent, from \$2,884 to \$3,484.

■ University of Iowa, a 19 percent rise, from \$3,522 to \$4,191.

■ Washington State University, up 16 percent, from \$3,898 to \$4,520.

State cutbacks ended a seven-year tuition freeze at Virginia

Polytechnic Institute and State University. They also forced building maintenance funds to be cut in half. This fall, in-state tuition and fees are rising slightly more than 7 percent, from \$3,664 to \$3,936.

In California, the news looks more mixed for students at public institutions since lawmakers are still working out the state budget.

Under the proposed spending plan, in-state tuition and fees at all California State and University of California campuses would remain unchanged for an eighth straight year — \$1,876 at Cal State campuses and \$3,859, on average, at UC's.

But out-of-state students will pay far more and money would be cut for libraries, equipment and maintenance, among other things.

Nationwide, what's adding to school budget pressures as state revenues drop is that more children of baby boomers and adults are going to college.

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The federal government has projected that enrollment nationwide, now around 15 million at two- and four-year campuses, will grow 1.4 percent a year through the end of this decade, reaching 17.5 million by 2010.

Historically, in bad economic times higher education is among the first places state legislatures and governors look to cut. And in some states, lawmakers also have power to set tuition for state schools.

The current economic bind on campuses is compounded by recent spending, said Marga Torrence, a policy analyst at the nonprofit Education Commission of the States in Denver.

"The '90s was kind of feasting for universities," Torrence said. "The economy was great. They were doing a lot of building, and getting a lot of money, and expanding and not saving a lot for a rainy day. Now the rainy day has come."

Gannon

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educational goals made her an ideal choice for the College's nomination. Her desire to return to the region to practice her profession is further evidence of her desire to fulfill the College's mission of educating students for indigenous leadership."

Gannon graduated Magna Cum Laude from Pikeville College with a double major in biology and chemistry. She has taken advantage of several learning opportunities related to

health care careers, including her participation in the University of Louisville's PEPP program and as a clinic volunteer at the University of Kentucky's College of Dentistry. Gannon is the daughter of Phyllis Justice of Pikeville.



Tackett accepted into UK program

Steffanie Renee Tackett, the daughter of Debbie and Morris Tackett, of Hi Hat, has been accepted into the University of Kentucky's Physical Therapy Program. She is a 1999 graduate of South Floyd High School and a 2002 graduate of Hazard Community College where she earned associate's degrees in both arts and sciences. Tackett will begin her studies in physical therapy in January 2003.



Hannah Goble

MSU

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support.

The five teachers in MSU's inaugural group come from a variety of disciplines and four of them are either MSU graduates or are completing graduate work at the University. They are: Crystal Fultz, social studies teacher at Johnson Central; Fern Reed, family and consumer science teacher at Montgomery County; Duane Lambert, former principal and history teacher in Mason County; Melinda Thomas, foreign language instructor at Fleming County; and Connie Baker, science teacher at West Carter.

The Teacher Cadet program was created by South Carolina educators more than 15 years ago. Ratliff says nearly 40 percent of the students in South Carolina's program are now teachers and at least 22 other states are using their curriculum to establish programs of their own.

A South Carolina educator led a three-day training session in July for the five teachers in the University's program. Ratliff says a northern Kentucky school superintendent and representatives from Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University and the Kentucky Department of Education also attended with hopes of following MSU's lead and establishing similar programs statewide.

"The program has a flexible curriculum and can easily adapt to many different styles of teaching," Ratliff said. "We are in the process of tailoring it to

include details about Kentucky's teacher shortage, certification process and the Kentucky Education Reform Act."

The yearlong curriculum has three sections. The first teaches students how people learn, grow and develop. The second recounts the history of education, governance of schools and issues facing education. The last unit covers teaching methods, discipline and classroom management.

Participating students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average as well as provide written recommendations from other teachers. Each class is limited to 20 students and involves hands-on projects, classroom observation and teaching experiences, field trips and expert speakers from MSU. Students will compile a portfolio of their experiences at the end of the program.

"We're very excited about this new program," Ratliff said.

Space

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graduate level college credit for their participation in the Classroom Connection Program. The five-day course covers workshops and activities on mathematics and science in space, hydroponics, crystallography, rocket construction, and other topics. In addition, teachers train in Space Shuttle simulators and astronaut training devices for a simulated Space Shuttle mission.

"We're getting to these students early so they can discover what teaching is all about and be better prepared when they attend MSU or any other college."

Ratliff says she will meet with the five teachers and their students throughout this first year to discuss the course, their progress and possible changes to the curriculum. She says several other school systems are hoping to join the program next year and these first five teachers may serve as mentors for new instructors in fall 2003.

"MSU's plan to aggressively recruit students into teaching is a reality now," Ratliff explained, "and we want every school in our service area to help us find and train those students to become great teachers."

Named to HCC Dean's List

The following Floyd County students have been named to the Dean's List of Hazard Community College for the 2002 spring semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have attained a grade average of 3.5, or higher, on a 4.0 scale.

Named this past spring were: Terra Handshoe, of Hueysville; Jessica Rae Hill, of Wheelwright; and, Amber Michelle Smith, of Bevinville.

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HEALTH EDUCATION

■ Third place — Stacy Cole, Cindy Dixon, Misty Garmon, Angela Sherfey, Bowling Green Technical College-Glasgow Campus

HOSA BOWL

■ Eighth place - Cynthia Adkins, Kim Bailey, Allison Rodgers, Melissa Spencer, Rowan Technical College

KNOWLEDGE TESTS

CONCEPTS OF HEALTH

■ First place - Leah Olson, Owensboro Technical College

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

■ Fourth place - Tracie Skaggs, Owensboro Technical College

NUTRITION

■ Seventh place - Valerie Rodriguez, Mayo Technical College

PHARMACOLOGY

■ Third place - Heather Kessinger, Owensboro Technical College

MEDICAL MATH

■ Ninth place - Michelle Wood, Bowling Green

Technical College-Glasgow Campus

MEDICAL SPELLING

■ Fifth place - Becky Vliege, Rowan Technical College

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

■ Ninth place - Michelle Moss, Bowling Green Technical College-Glasgow Campus

PREPARED SPEAKING

■ Ninth place - Tim Barton, Southeast Community College-Pineville Campus

Also, KCTCS faculty and staff sponsored the Practical Nursing competitions. Those who assisted were Mary Kleber, System Office; Jane Hudson, Jefferson Technical College; Claudia Collins, Kim Nealis and Gretta Caudill, Rowan Technical College; Robyn Potter, Central Kentucky Technical College; Brenda Tucker, Owensboro Technical College; Suzanne White, Mayo Technical College; and Angie Harlan, Bowling Green Technical College-Glasgow Campus.

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injuries. "It's chilling, almost. Because that's very close to the meaning of life, or whatever we're dealing with here," said Dr. Welby Winstead, an ear, nose and throat surgeon. "That's why there's a lot of excitement."

Since the cells aren't harvested from embryos there is no political controversy surround-

ing them. And unlike other nervous-system stem cells, they can be retrieved without risky procedures such as brain surgery, Roisen said.

Work with adult stem cells is still in at an early stage, said Ron McKay, an NIH stem-cell expert. While embryonic stem cells have proven capable of turning into disease-treating cells, adult stem cells have not turned up similar evidence, McKay said.

UofL researchers have not positive results with implanting the cells into a paralyzed animal, Roisen said.

But the results of an Italian experiment that used cells of the same origin has encouraged UofL researchers. In that experiment, mice that had Parkinson's-like symptoms recovered after receiving transplants of stem cells taken from the human olfactory bulb at the base of the brain.

Brock

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senior, where she will continue her work toward her pursuit of a career in Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (P-5).

Sheena is a 1998 Governor's Scholar and was Salutatorian of her 1999 graduating class. She is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

This fall she looks forward to participating as a pledge to both the Kappa Delta Pi and the Gamma Beta Phi Societies.



Hannah Goble



Tricia Newsom



Amber Roberts



Tomi Sue Tussey

Four complete UK Young Women in Science Program

Four high school students from Floyd County have successfully completed a three-year program offered by the University of Kentucky, designed to encourage young women from Appalachia to pursue scientific careers in drug abuse research.

The four young women are: Hannah Goble, Tricia Newsom, Amber Roberts, and Tomi Sue

Tussey.

The young women are among 52 others involved in the Young Women in Science program, run by the UK Center on Drug and Alcohol Research (CDAR). Students were selected based on their academic achievements, especially in science and math, participation in extracurricular and community volunteer activities, ability to

articulate a career goal, ability to benefit from the program, and strong personal references.

The young women have been given in-depth training and education in drug abuse research at UK for three weeks each summer along with five one-day weekend sessions each year over the three-year period. Along with lectures, scientific lab work and sports activities,

the young women have attended field trips to local attractions such as a Lexington Legends baseball game, a canoe trip, and the Lexington Shakespeare Festival. Each young woman has also been paired with female mentors in the scientific and local communities.

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